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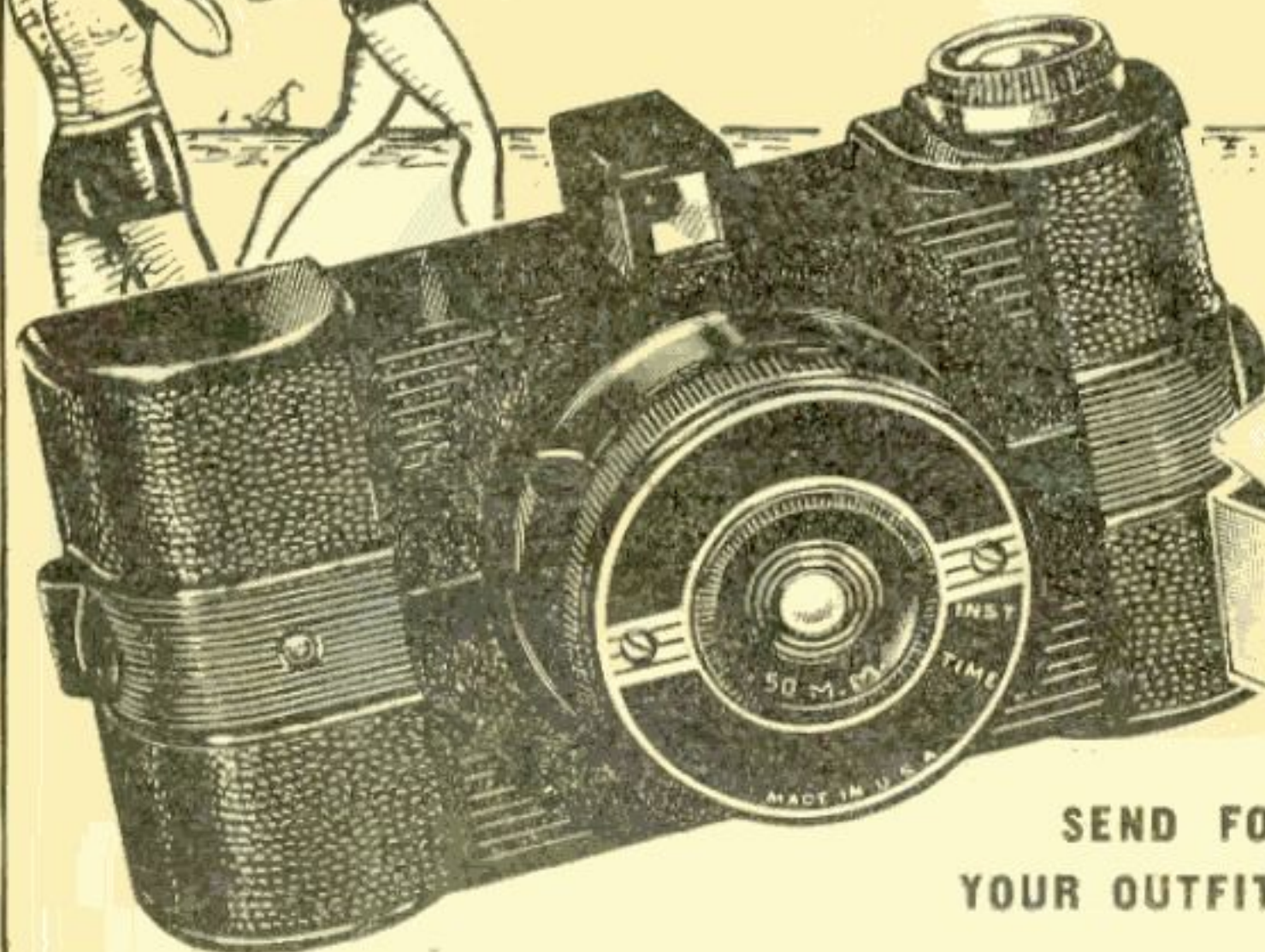


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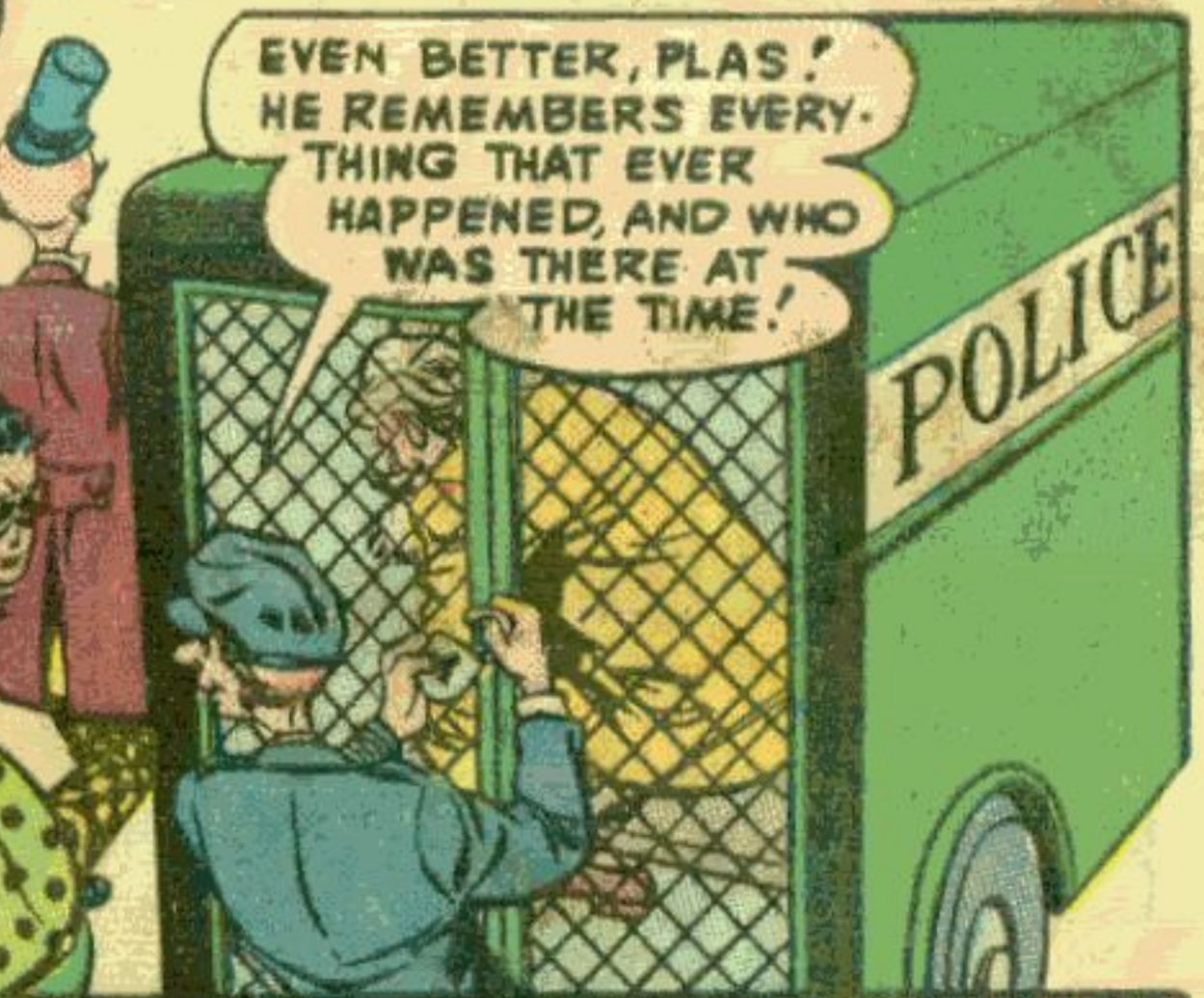
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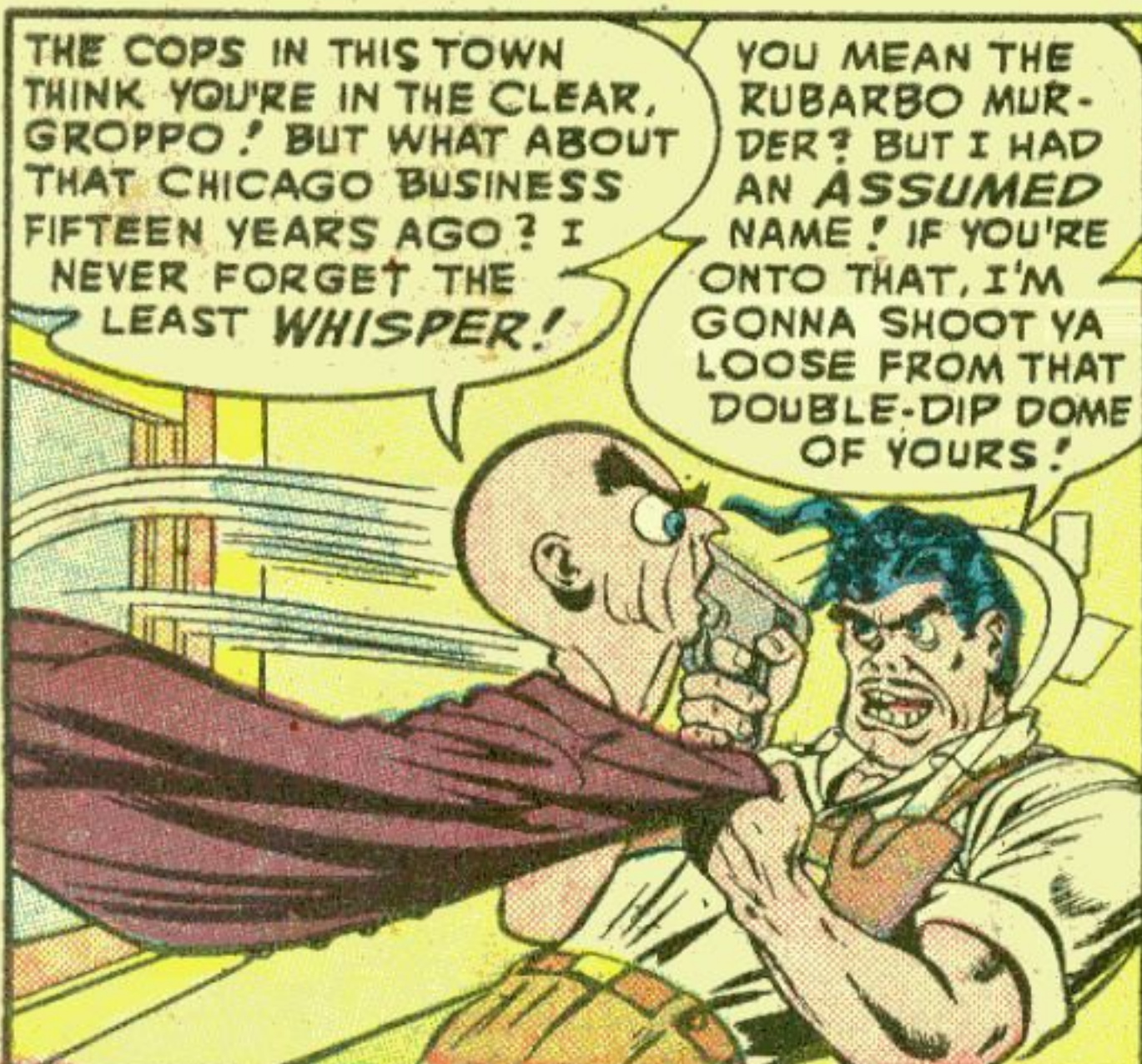
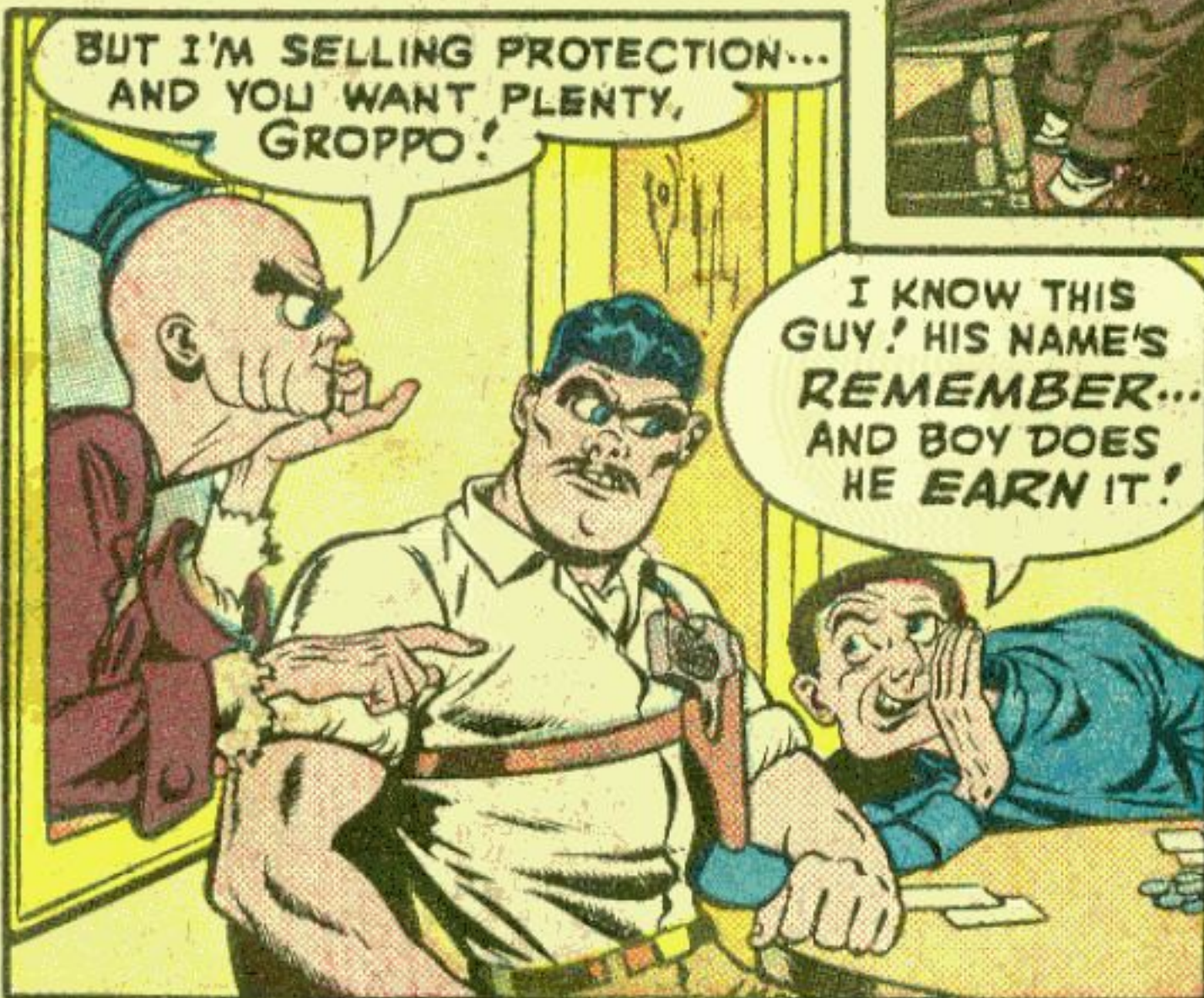
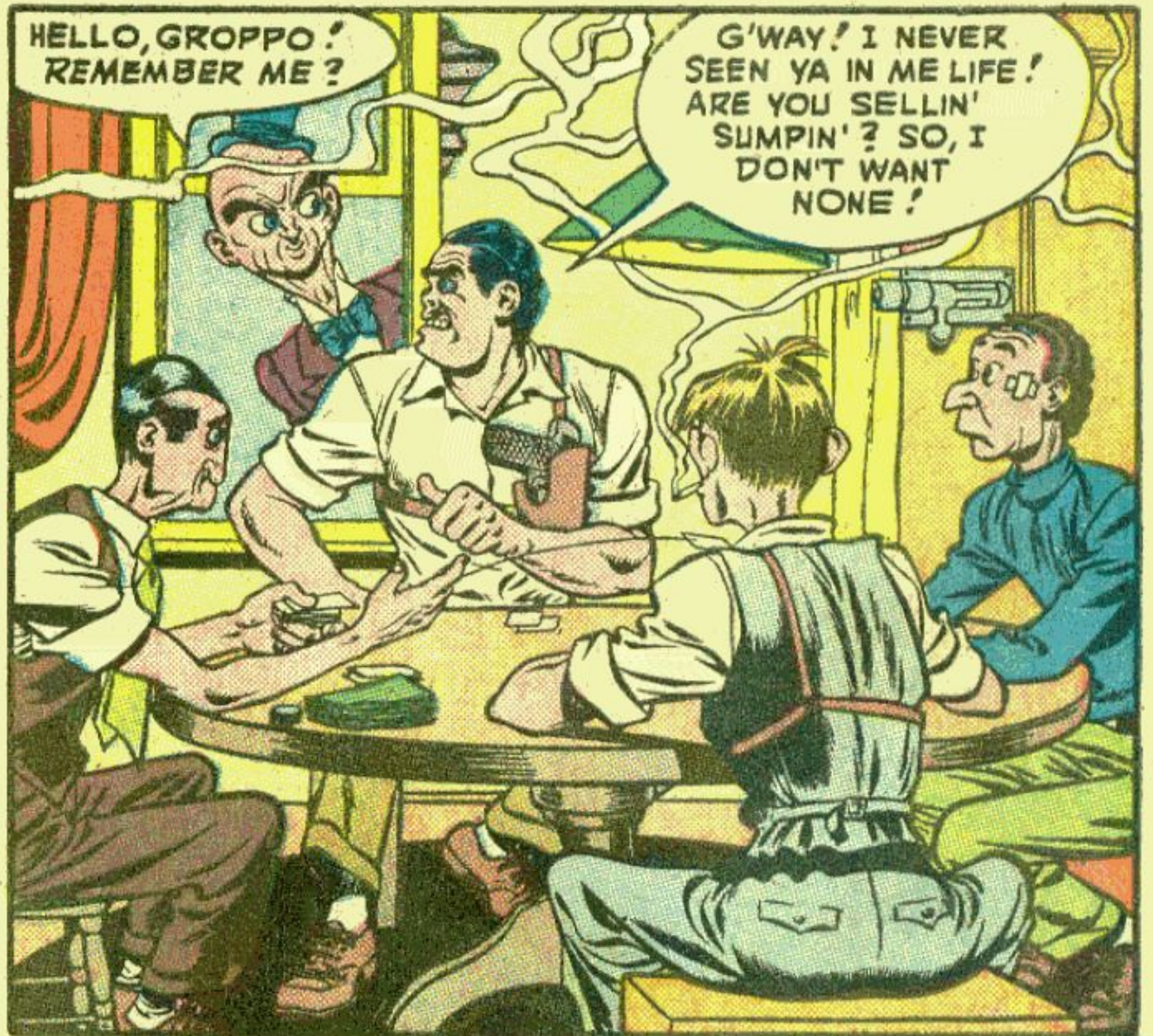
The underworld admired
REMEMBER for his
remarkable brain!

Every fact, every person, every possibility
was catalogued in his perfect memory....

But PLASTIC MAN became interested,
and then... **WHAT WAS IT REMEMBER**
HAD FORGOTTEN?



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FORGET? IMPOSSIBLE! MY MEMORY'S PERMANENT... FOR INSTANCE, ABOUT GRIGGY'S CONFIDENCE RACKET IN '35... HOW ZORLEY FIXED THE RACES DOWN SOUTH THE FOLLOWING YEAR... AND BANZOOM'S CONNECTION WITH THE LATE LAMENTED GORE STREET GANG!

HE'S GOT US ALL DEAD TO RIGHTS! WE'RE ALL PUTTY IN HIS HANDS!

NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, LET ME TELL YOU THAT I'VE NO INTENTION OF BETRAYING YOU... IF YOU PLAY MY GAME! MY INFORMATION TO THE POLICE WAS ONLY ON SMALL-TIMERS! IT MAKES THEM MY FRIENDS AND HELPERS!

I GET SUMPIN' OF YOUR GIMMICK, REMEMBER! WE'RE GONNA PULL SOME BIG-DOUGH JOB, HUH? OKAY, LET'S....

SHHH! I REMEMBER THAT PLASTIC MAN'S JUST OUTSIDE... AND I THINK I HEAR HIM COMING!

SAY, REMEMBER, JUST WHAT GOES ON HERE?

PLASTIC MAN! I REMEMBER EVERY ONE OF YOUR MIGHTY DEEDS IN THE SERVICE OF LAW AND ORDER! I SAW YOU OUTSIDE AND CAME TO GATHER MY FELLOW CITIZENS TO MEET AND CONGRATULATE YOU!

WE'RE THE PLASTIC MAN FAN CLUB! THIS IS MR. GROPPA, THE VICE-PRESIDENT! I AM THE PRESIDENT, OF COURSE....

REMEMBER THAT!

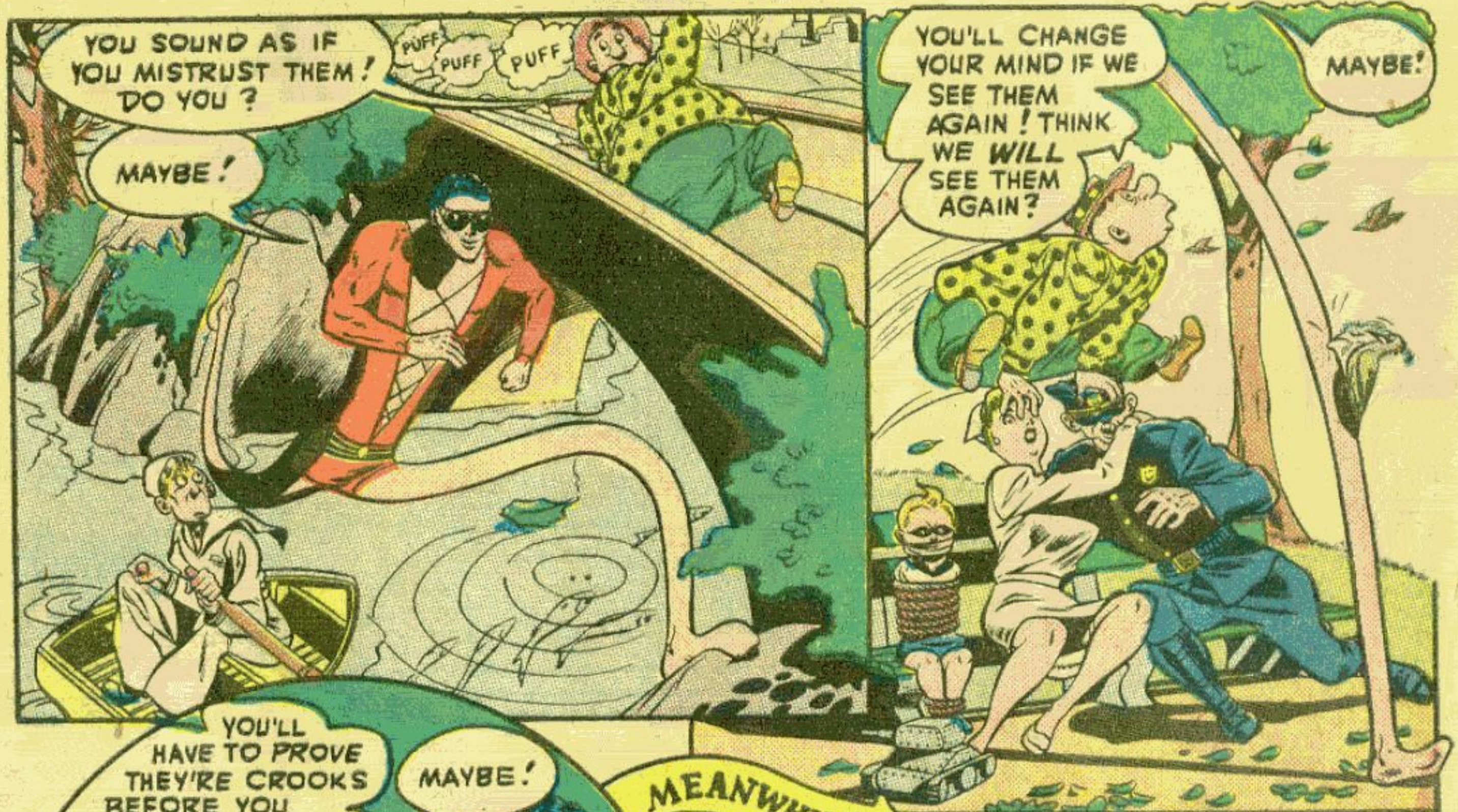
AS PLASTIC MAN'S FAMED LIEUTENANT, MR. WINKS, WON'T YOU GIVE ME YOUR AUTOGRAPH?

GOODBYE NOW, SIR! ONE OF THESE DAYS WE'RE GOING TO STAGE A BANQUET IN YOUR HONOR... DON'T FORGET!

I WON'T, REMEMBER! TRUST ME!

WHAT NICE GENTLEMEN, PLAS! IT'S A PLEASURE TO MAKE THEIR ACQUAINTANCE!

MAYBE!

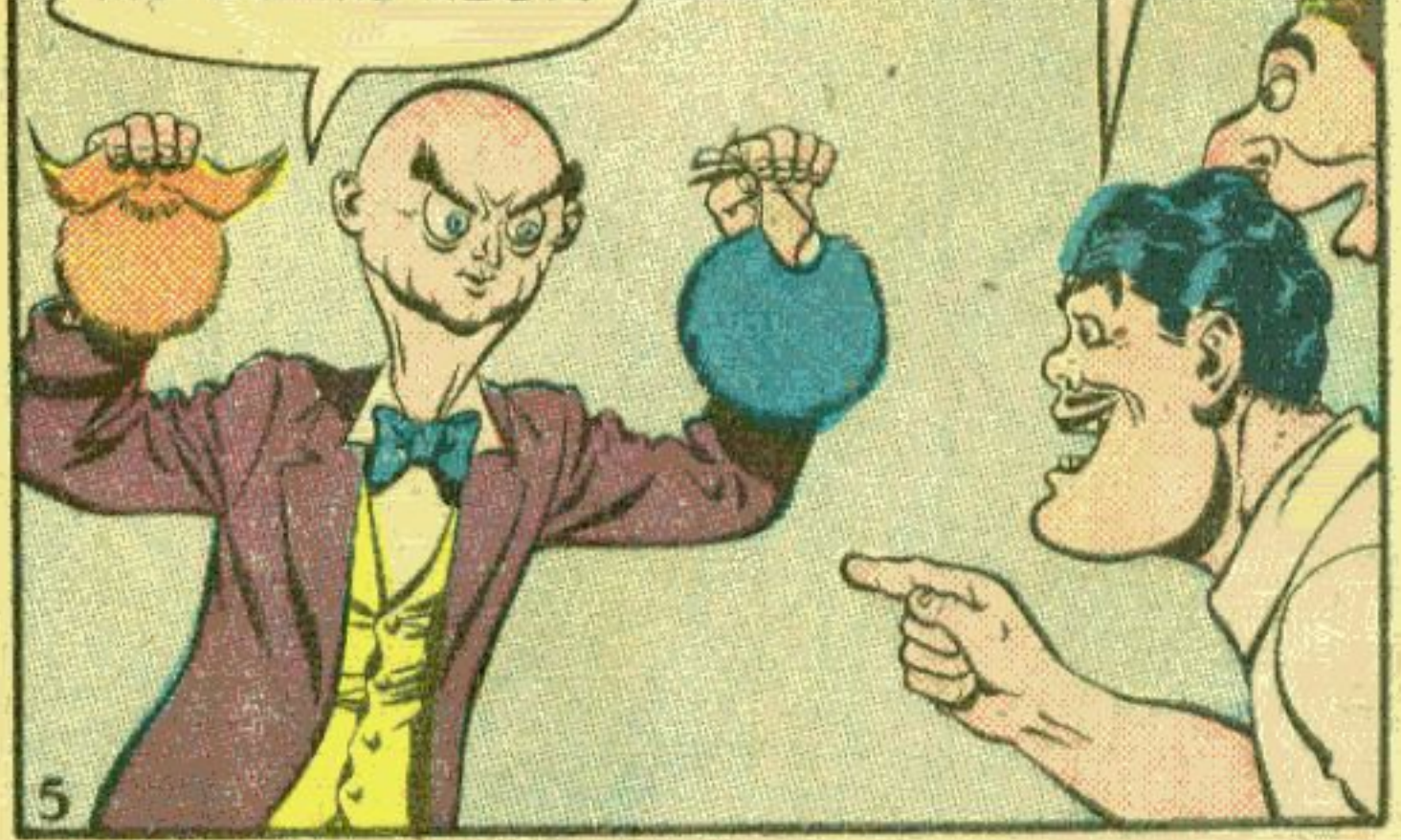


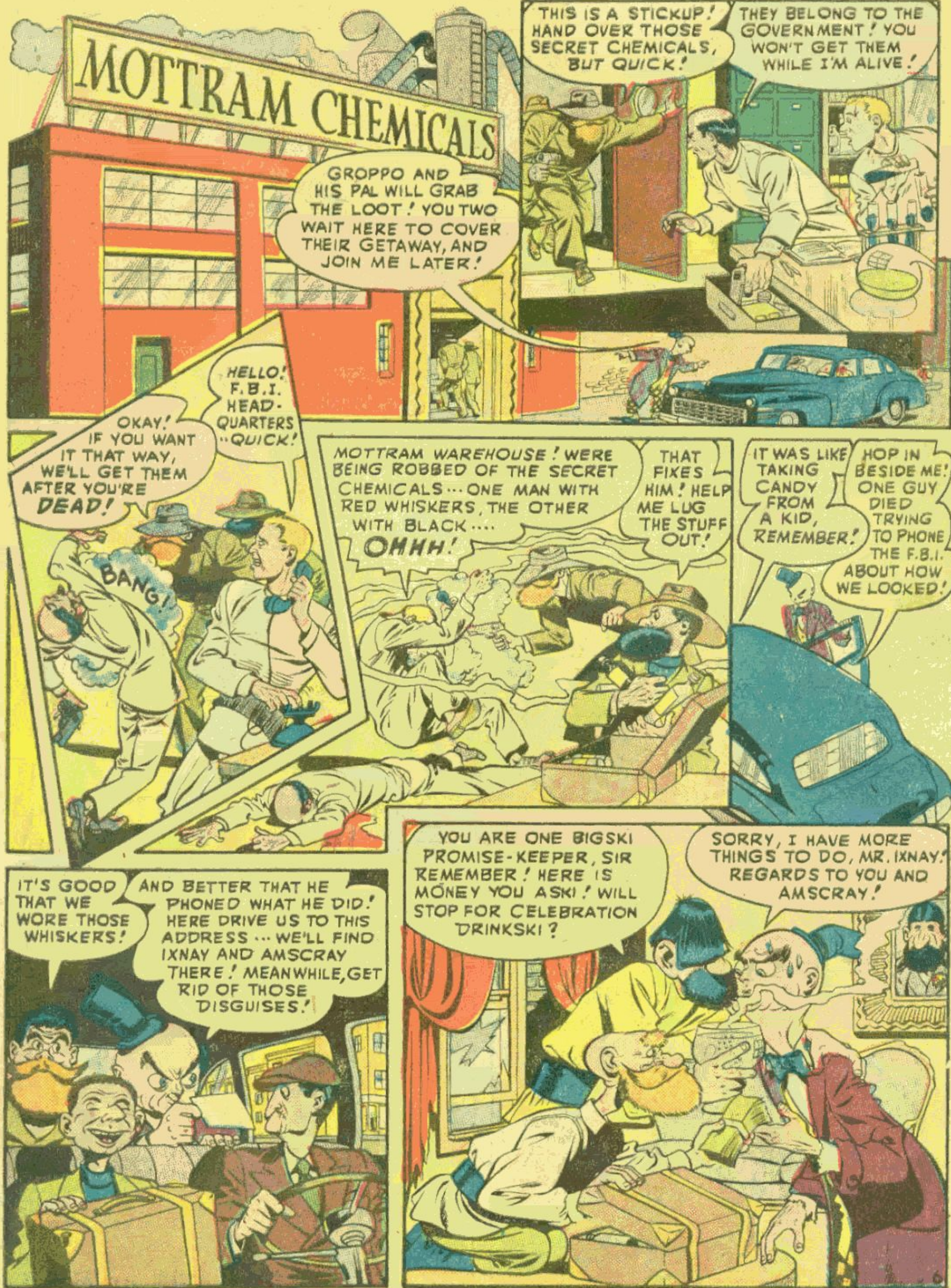
NONE OF THESE! THE MOTTRAM CHEMICAL WAREHOUSE HAS CERTAIN RARE AND **SECRET** EXPLOSIVES, STORED FOR THE GOVERNMENT! CERTAIN FOREIGN AGENTS WILL PAY HIGHLY FOR SAMPLES TO ANALYZE!

GOVERNMENT STUFF? THE F.B.I., INCLUDING PLASTIC MAN, WILL COME LOOKING FOR THE CROOKS... THEY WON'T REST TILL THEY CATCH THE HIJACKERS!

THEY'LL **THINK** THEY CATCH THE HIJACKERS! BEFORE WE START, PUT ON THESE DISGUISES! THEY'LL MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE TWO INTERNATIONAL SPIES I KNOW... **IXNAY** AND **AMSCRAY**! LET ME DO THE REST!

I THINK I GET THE ANGLE, REMEMBER! GLAD WE TEAMED UP WITH YOU!



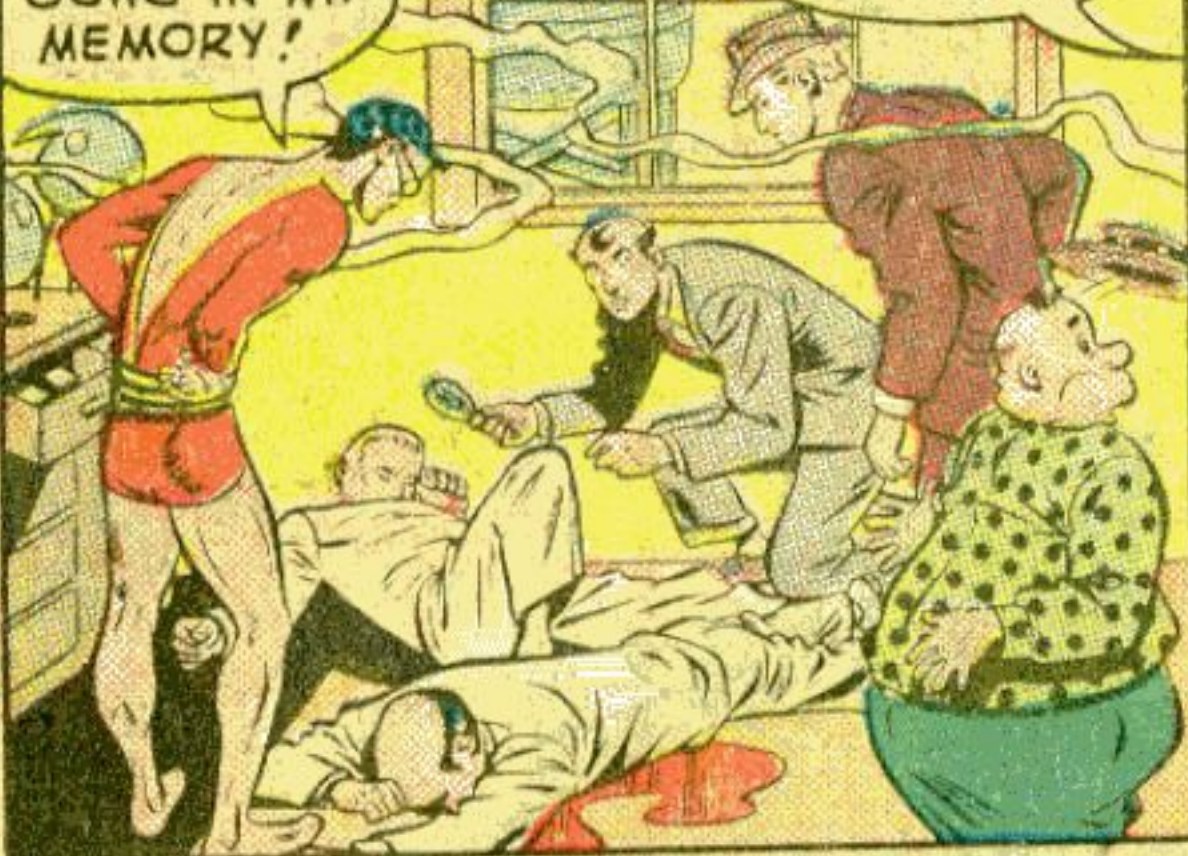


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Within short minutes....

BOTH DEAD, CHIEF! BUT THAT TELEPHONED DESCRIPTION... RED AND BLACK WHISKERS! THAT STRIKES A DIM GONG IN MY MEMORY!

IT HITS A CLEAR GONG IN MY MEMORY! I'M GLAD TO HELP LAW AND ORDER!



THOSE BEARDS MATCH IXNAY AND AMSCRAY, THE NOTORIOUS SPIES! I REMEMBER THAT THEY LIVE NOT FAR FROM HERE... AND WOULD BE MORE THAN GLAD TO STEAL GOVERNMENT SECRETS!

HE'S RIGHT, PLASTIC MAN! LET'S LET HIM LEAD US THERE!



THANKS, CHIEF! BUT GO AHEAD... I WANT TO STAY HERE AND STUDY THE SCENE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER!

JUST AS YOU LIKE, PLAS! THOUGH I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO DODGE EXCITEMENT!

NOW WILL YOU ADMIT REMEMBER IS ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER?

NOT YET, WOZZY! THE CHIEF'S GONE... LET'S GO, TOO!



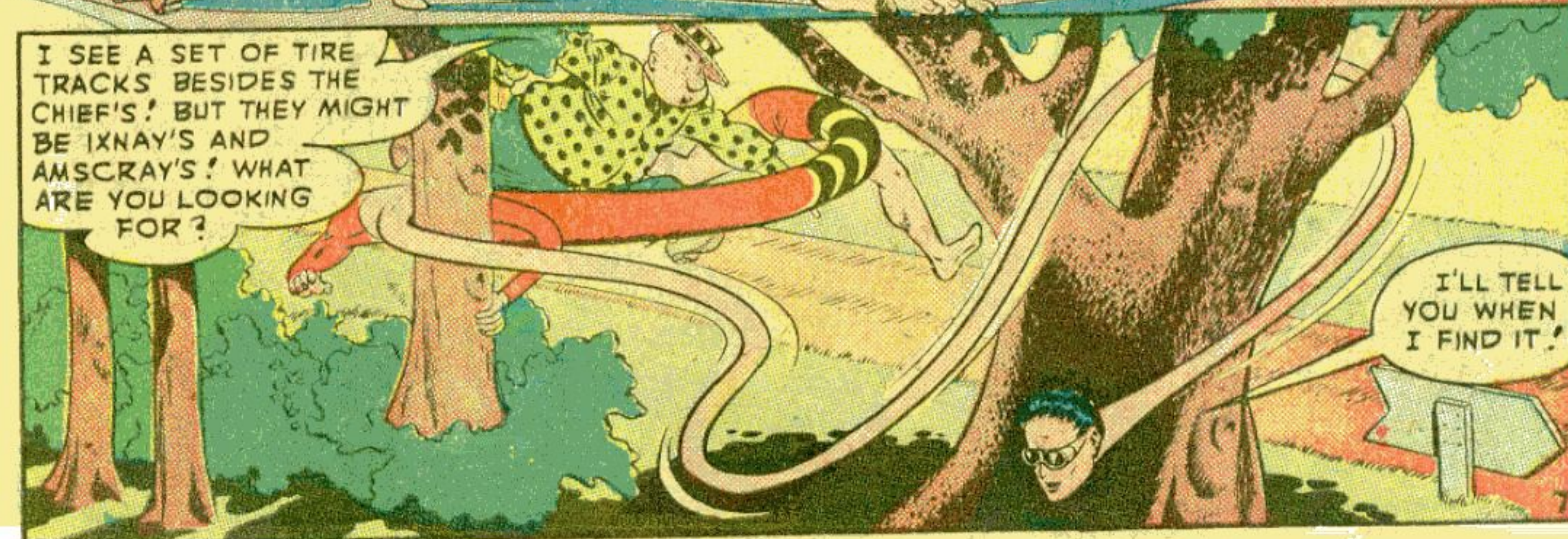
I DON'T, PARTICULARLY! BUT I WANT TO DECEIVE REMEMBER... NOT LET HIM KNOW WHAT I THINK I KNOW!

YOU TOLD THE CHIEF YOU'D STAY HERE... NOW YOU'RE LEAVING! WHY DO YOU WANT TO DECEIVE THE CHIEF?

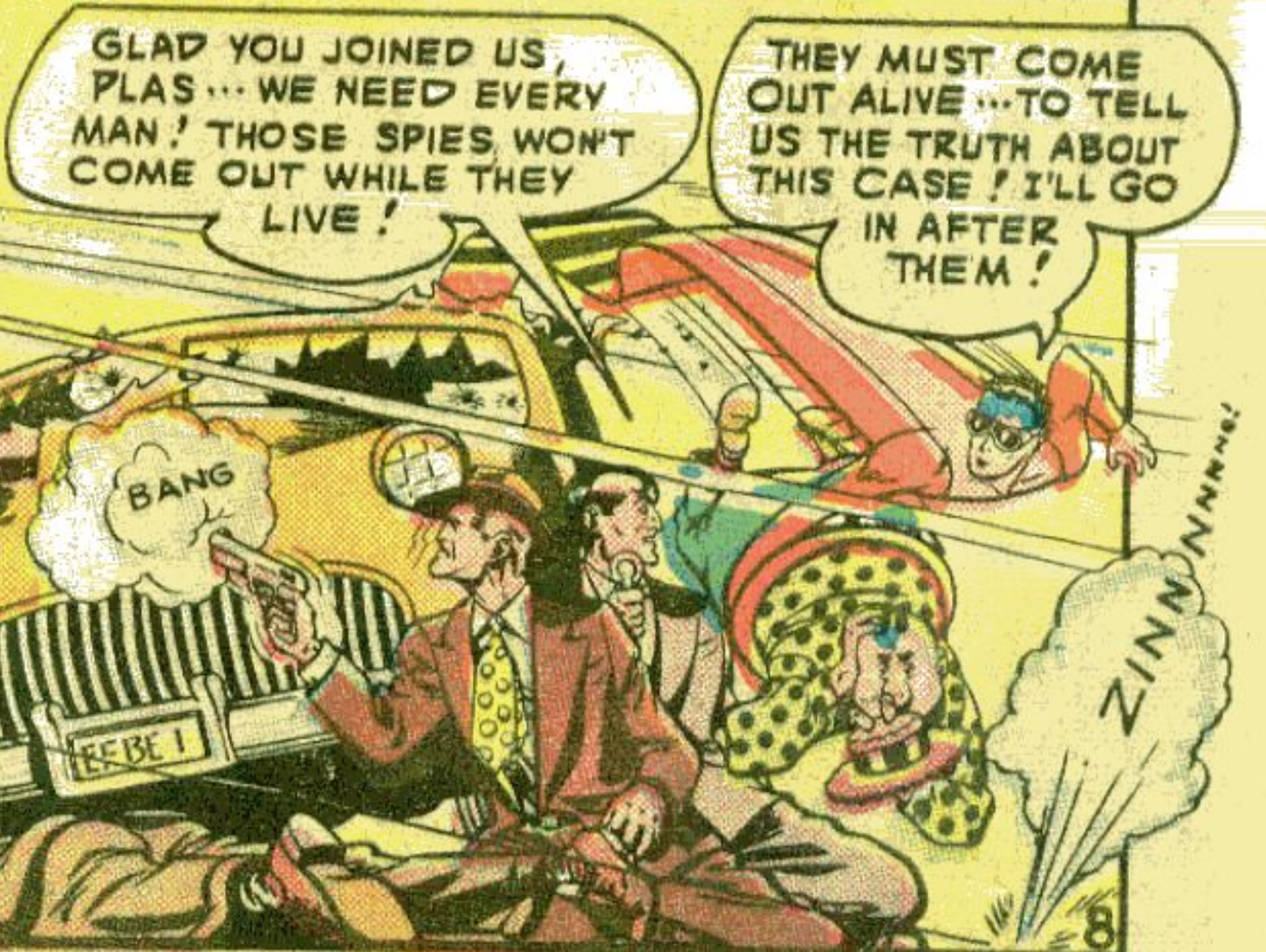
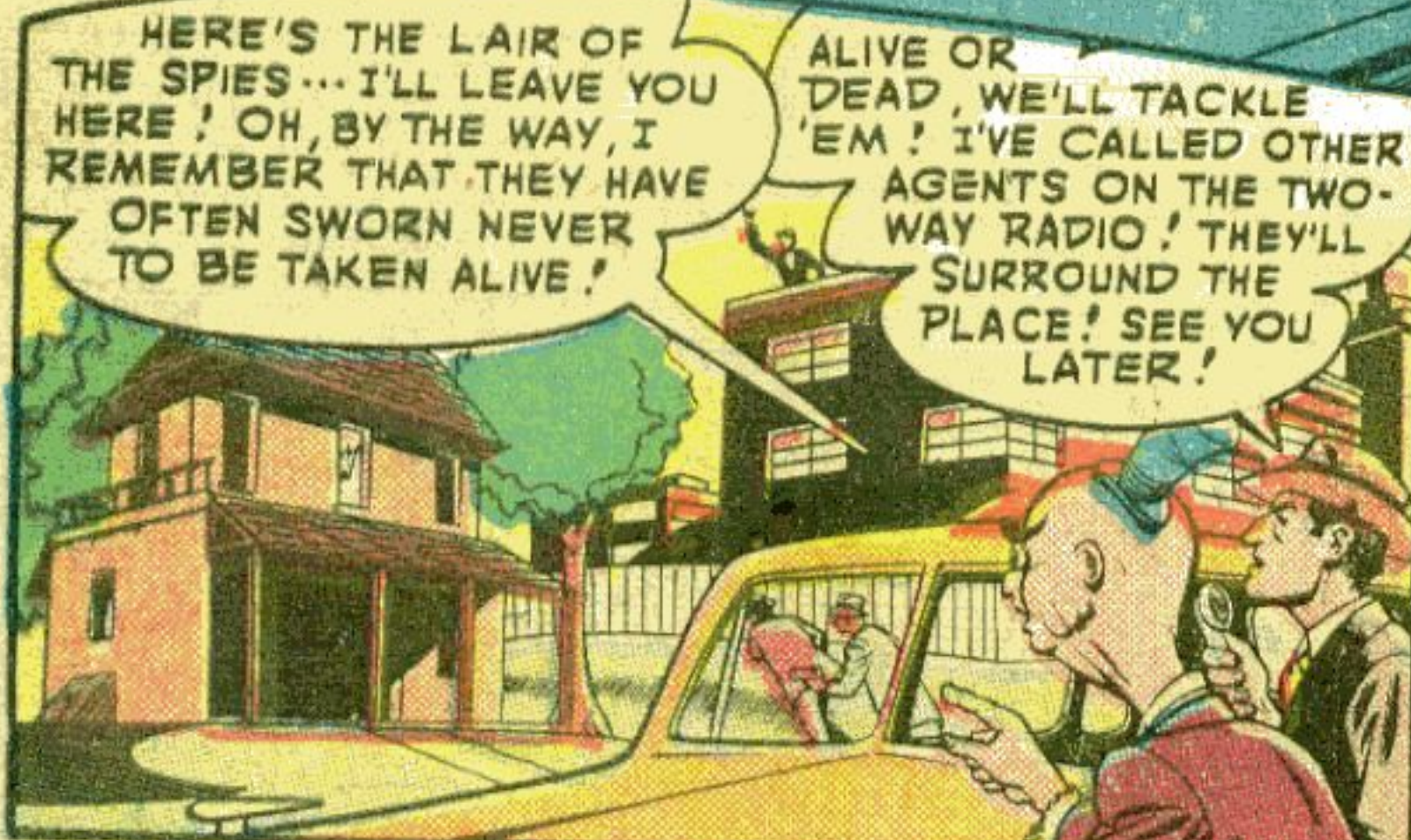


I SEE A SET OF TIRE TRACKS BESIDES THE CHIEF'S! BUT THEY MIGHT BE IXNAY'S AND AMSCRAY'S! WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I'LL TELL YOU WHEN I FIND IT!



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BUT, PLAS, EVEN **YOU** COULDN'T APPROACH THE HOUSE! THAT RAIN OF BULLETS SWEEPS THE WHOLE YARD!

RIGHT! SO I WON'T STEP ON THE YARD.. I'LL GO **UNDER** IT!



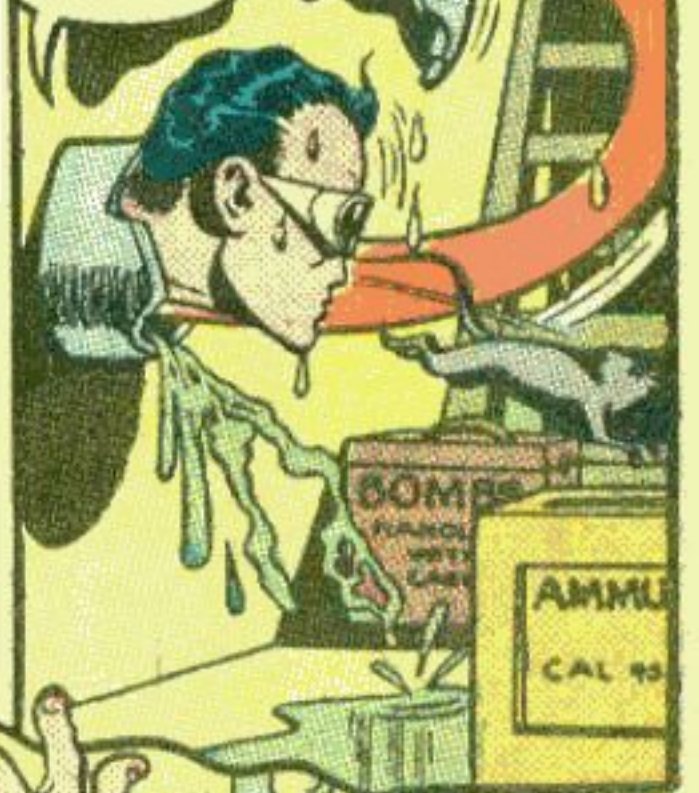
THIS DRAIN LEADS RIGHT TO THE HOUSE! SEE YOU LATER, WITH THE TWO SPIES INTACT!

PLAS IS USUALLY BRILLIANT, CHIEF! BUT THIS TIME I THINK HE'S ON THE WRONG TRAIL! YOU WOULDN'T **BELIEVE** IT IF I TOLD YOU WHAT UNWORTHY SUSPICIONS HE HAS!



GO DOWN STAIRSKI, AMSCRAY! BRING UP MORE BULLETSKIS!

I'M HERE JUST IN TIME!



YOU! WHO ARE YOUSKI! TELL OR I VILL SHOOTSKI!

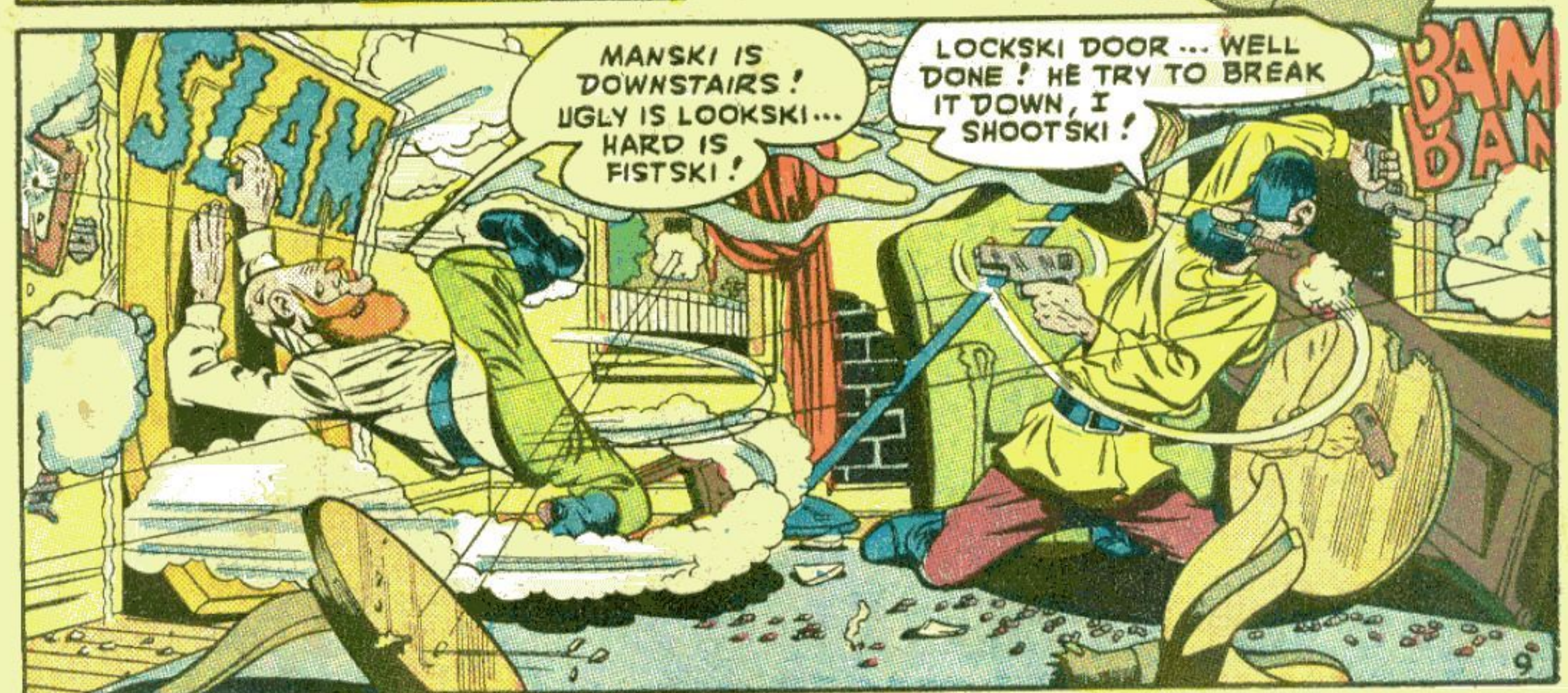


I DOUBT IF YOU HAVE A PERMIT FOR THESE WEAPONS!



MANSKI IS DOWNSTAIRS! UGLY IS LOOKSKI... HARD IS FISTSKI!

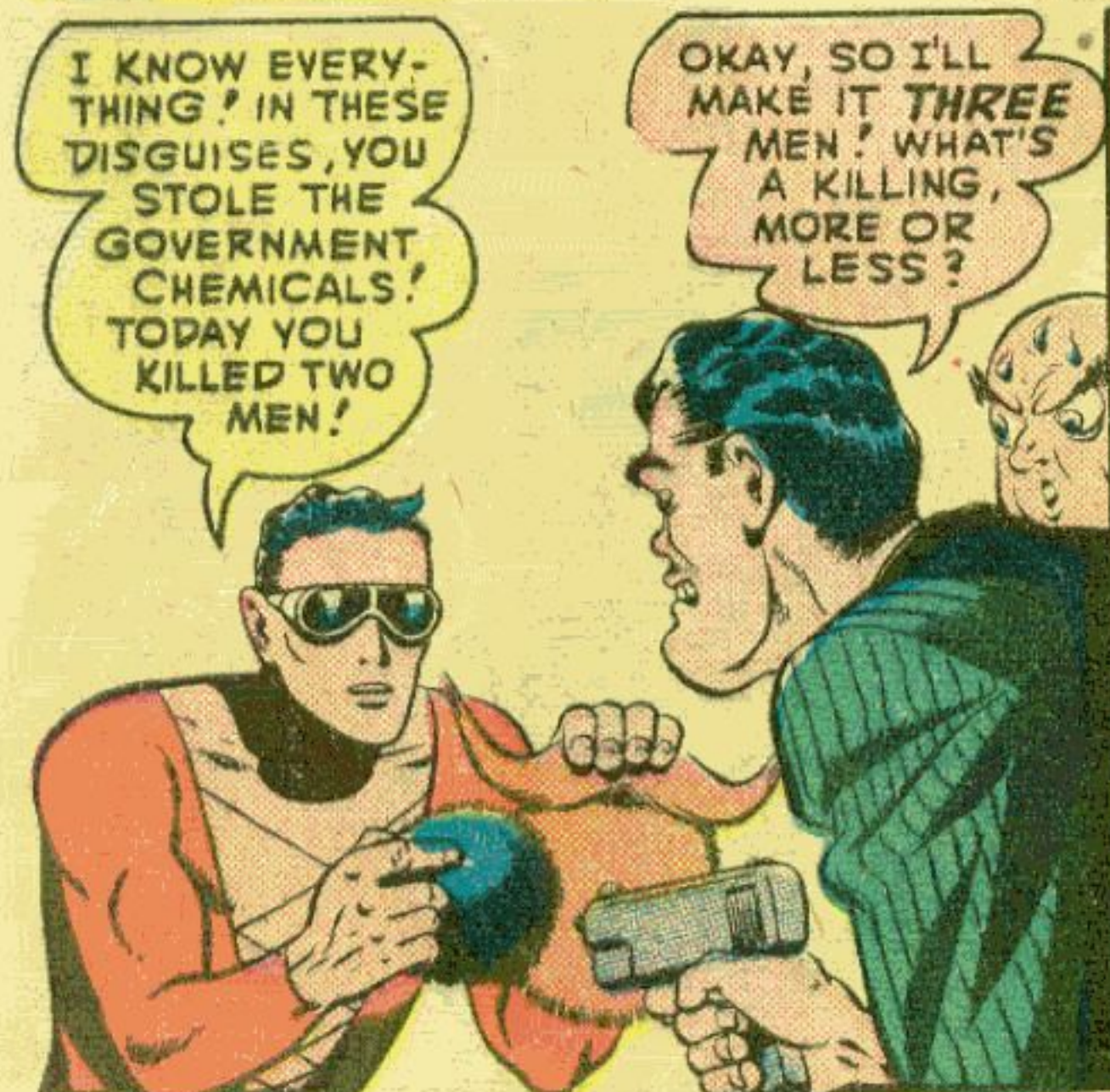
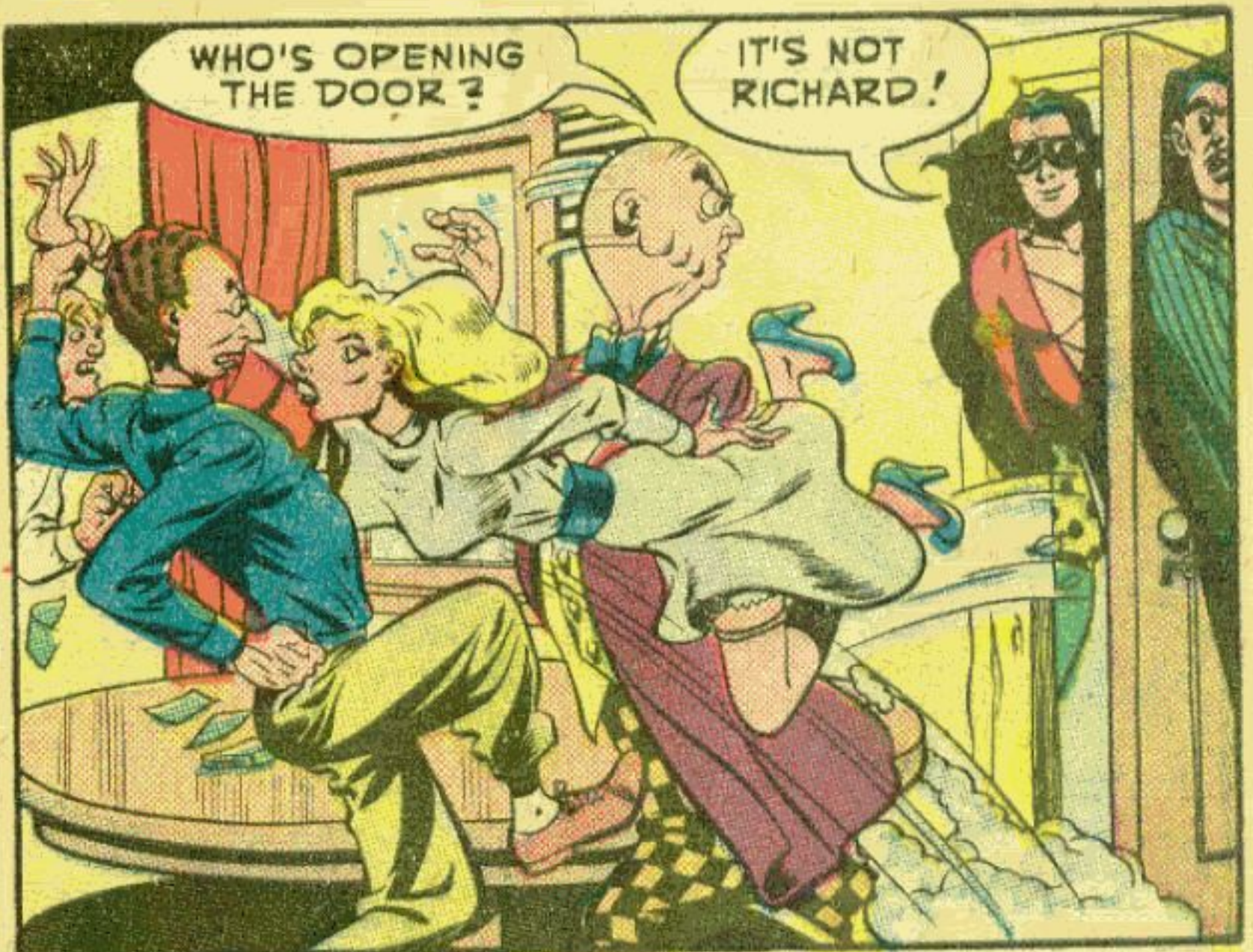
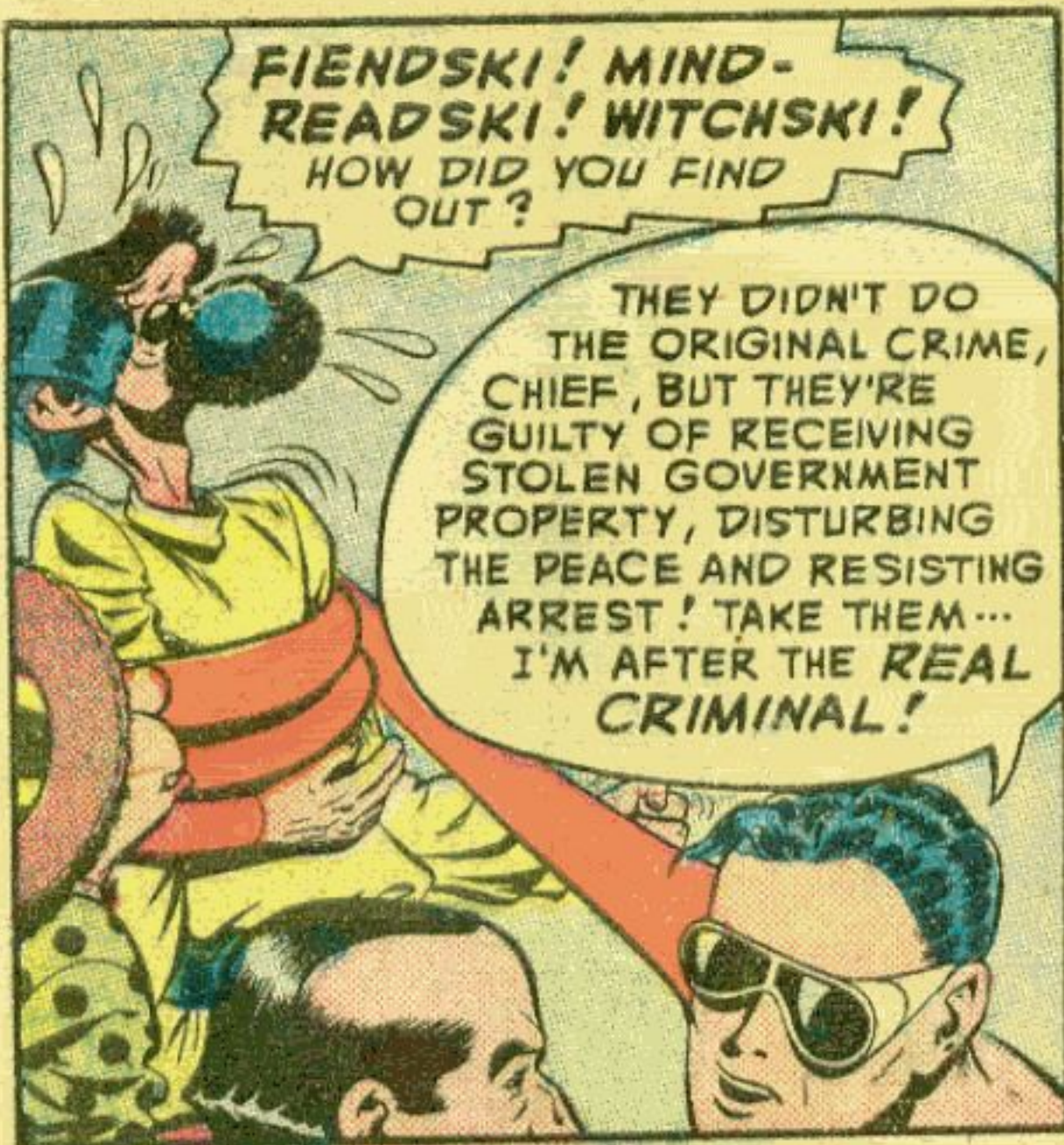
LOCKSKI DOOR... WELL DONE! HE TRY TO BREAK IT DOWN, I SHOOTSKI!



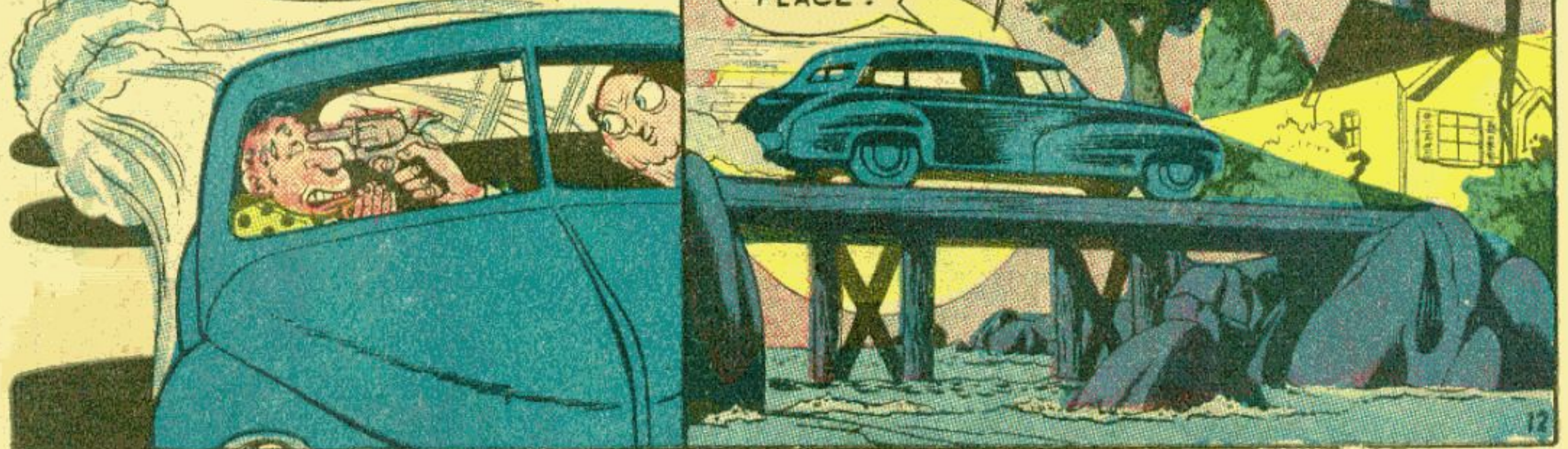
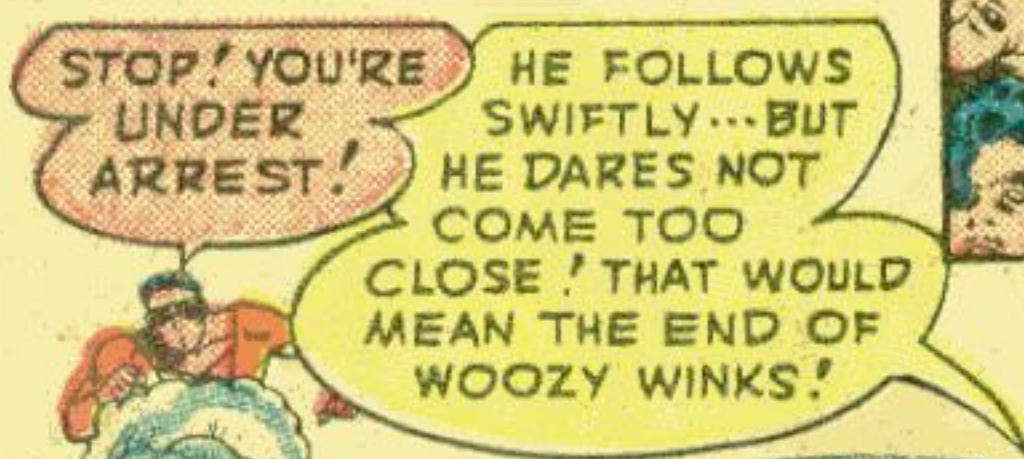
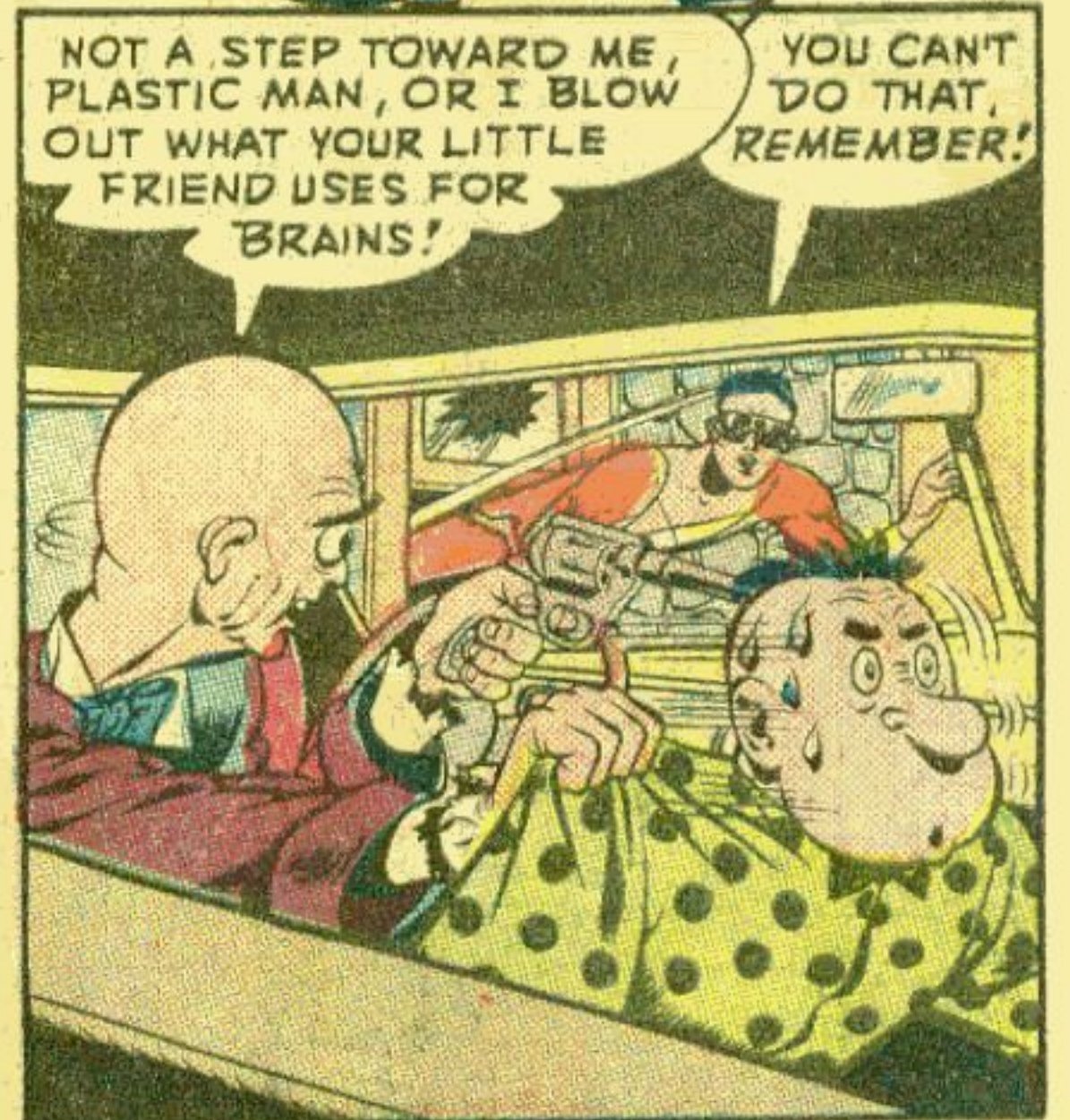
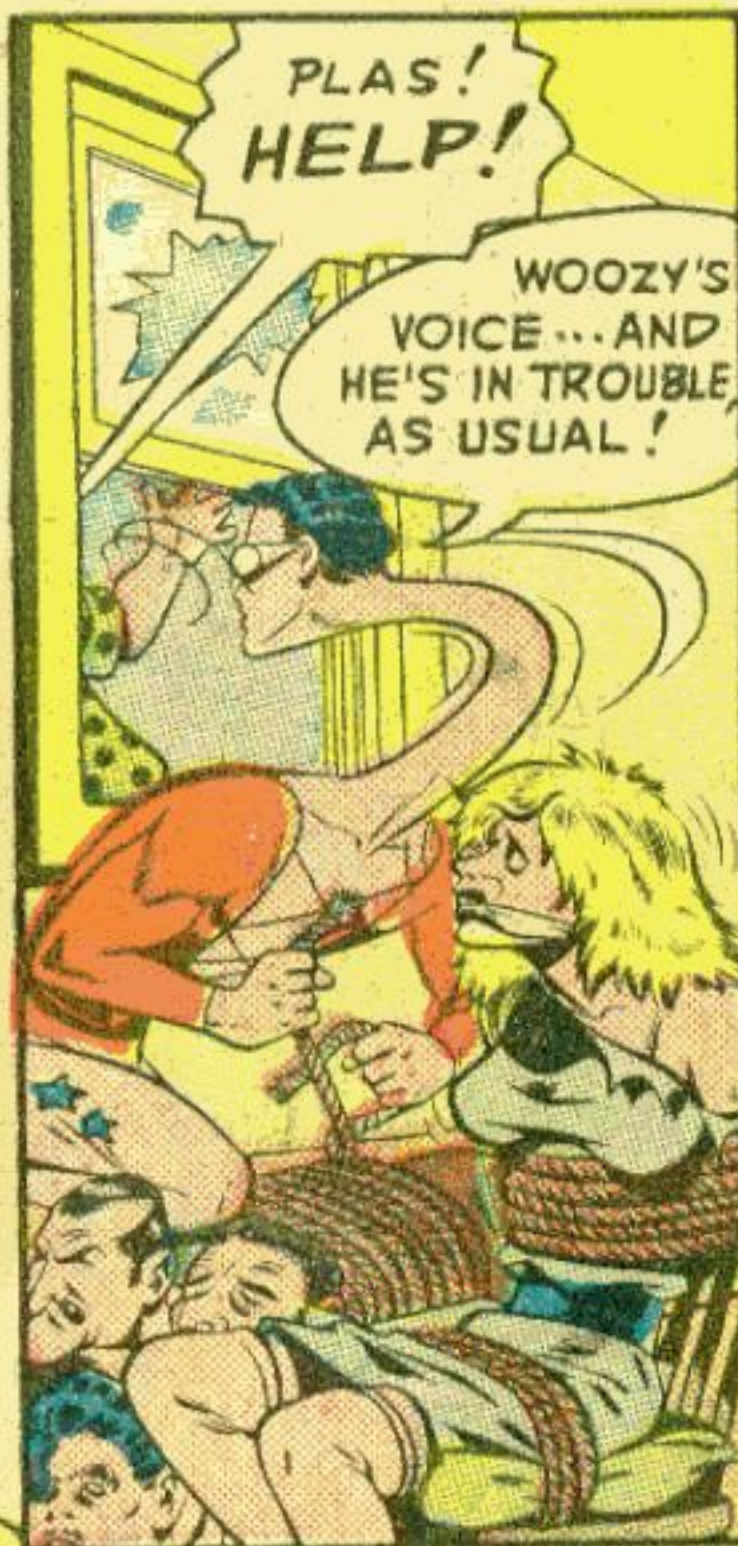
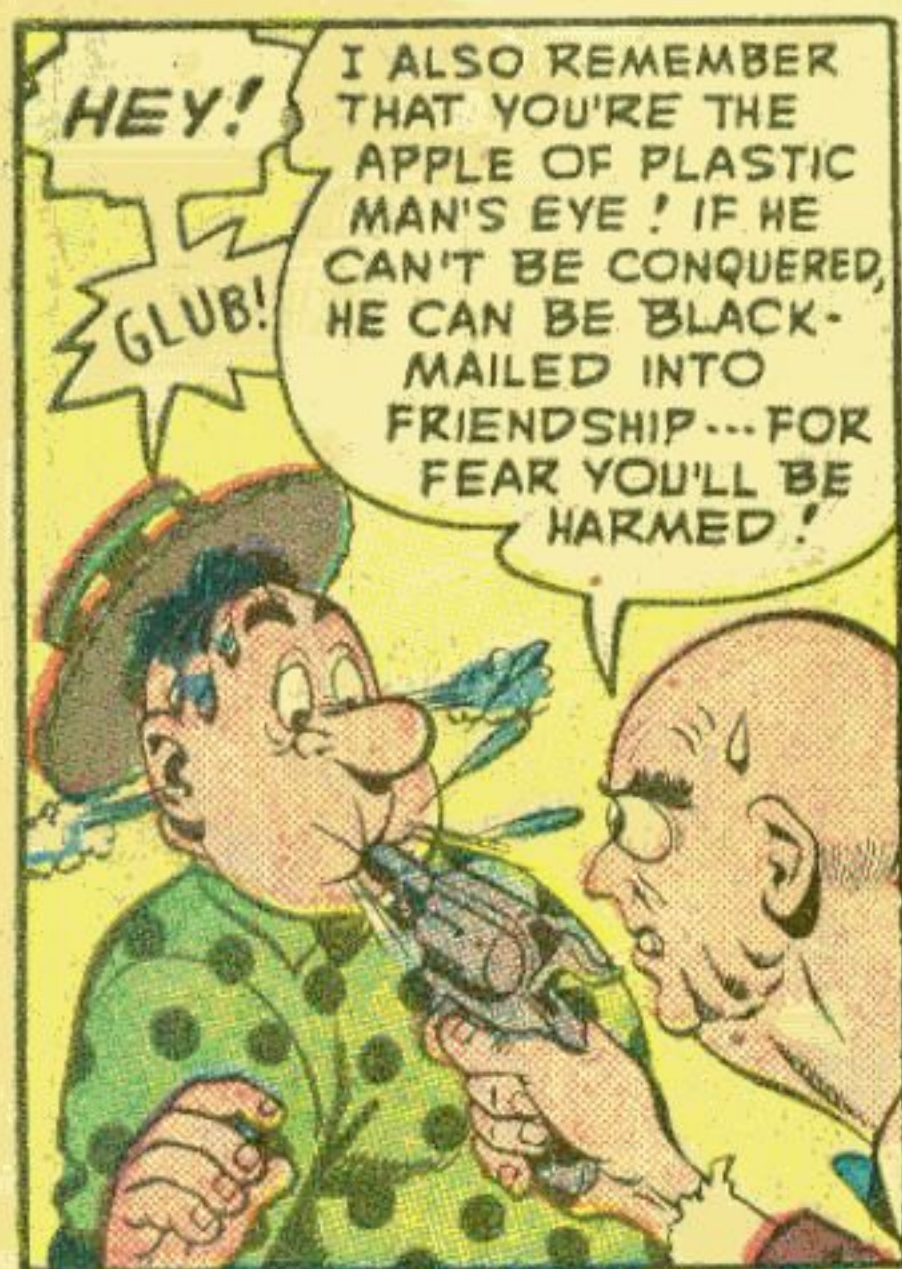
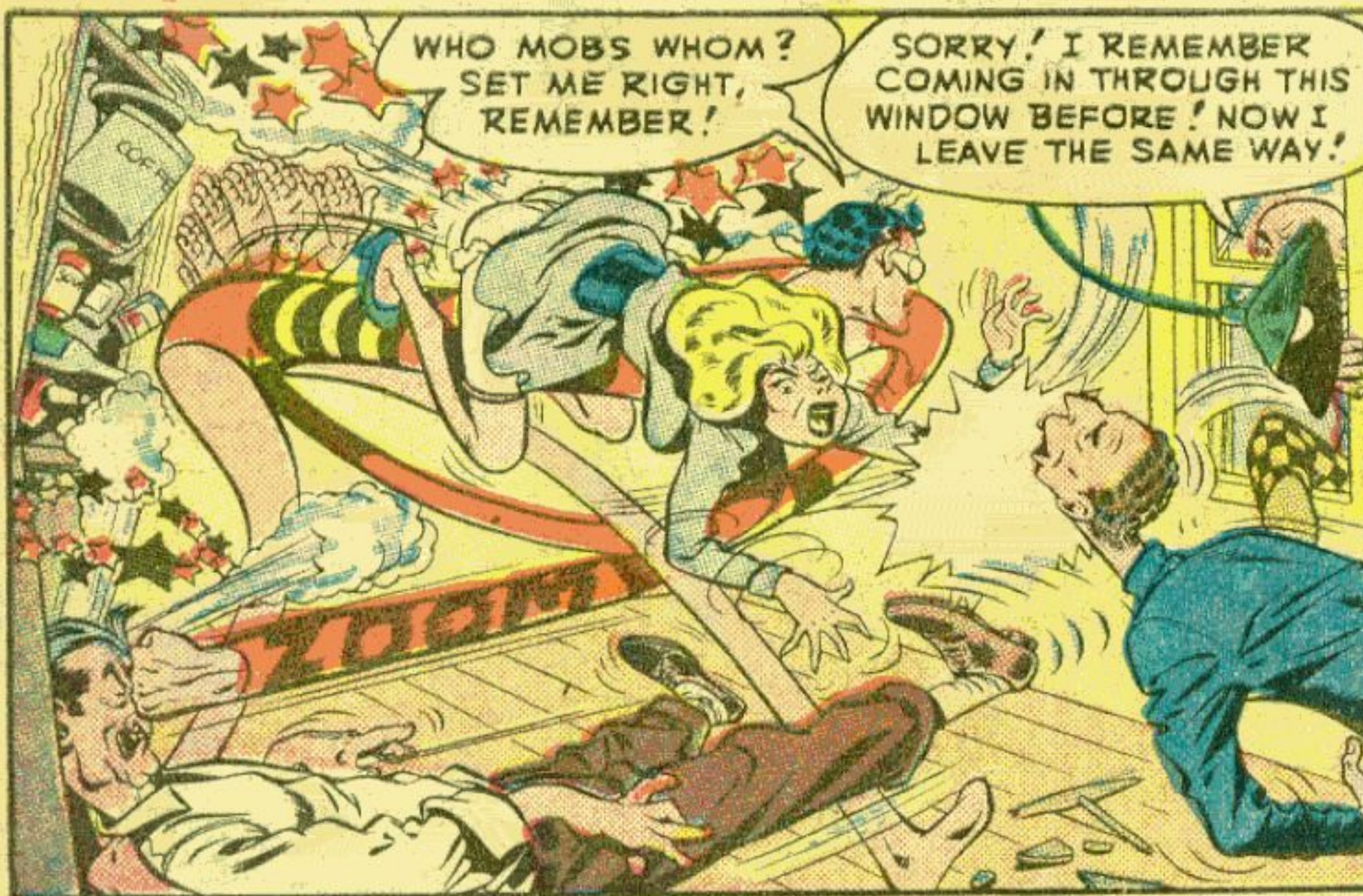
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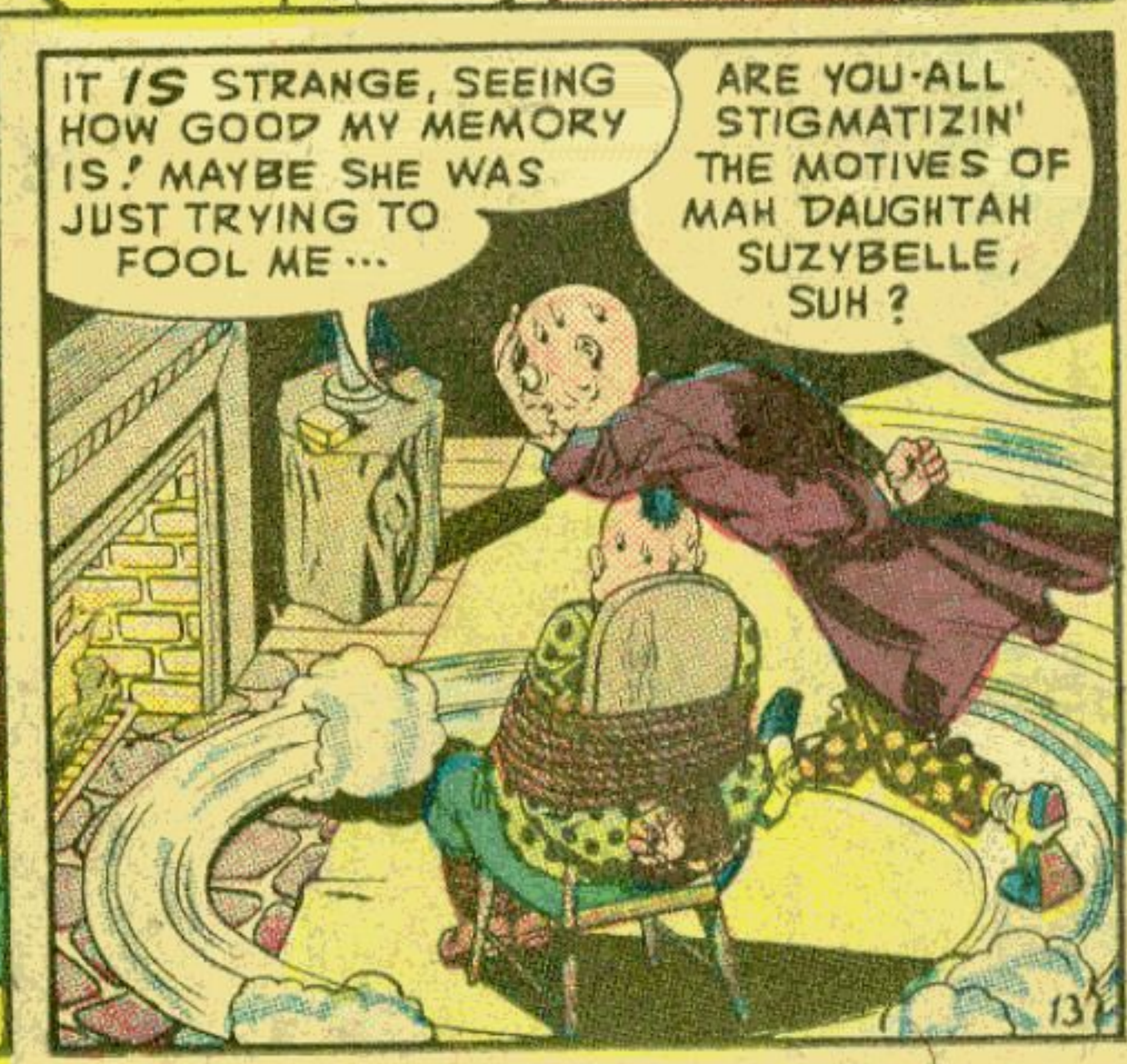
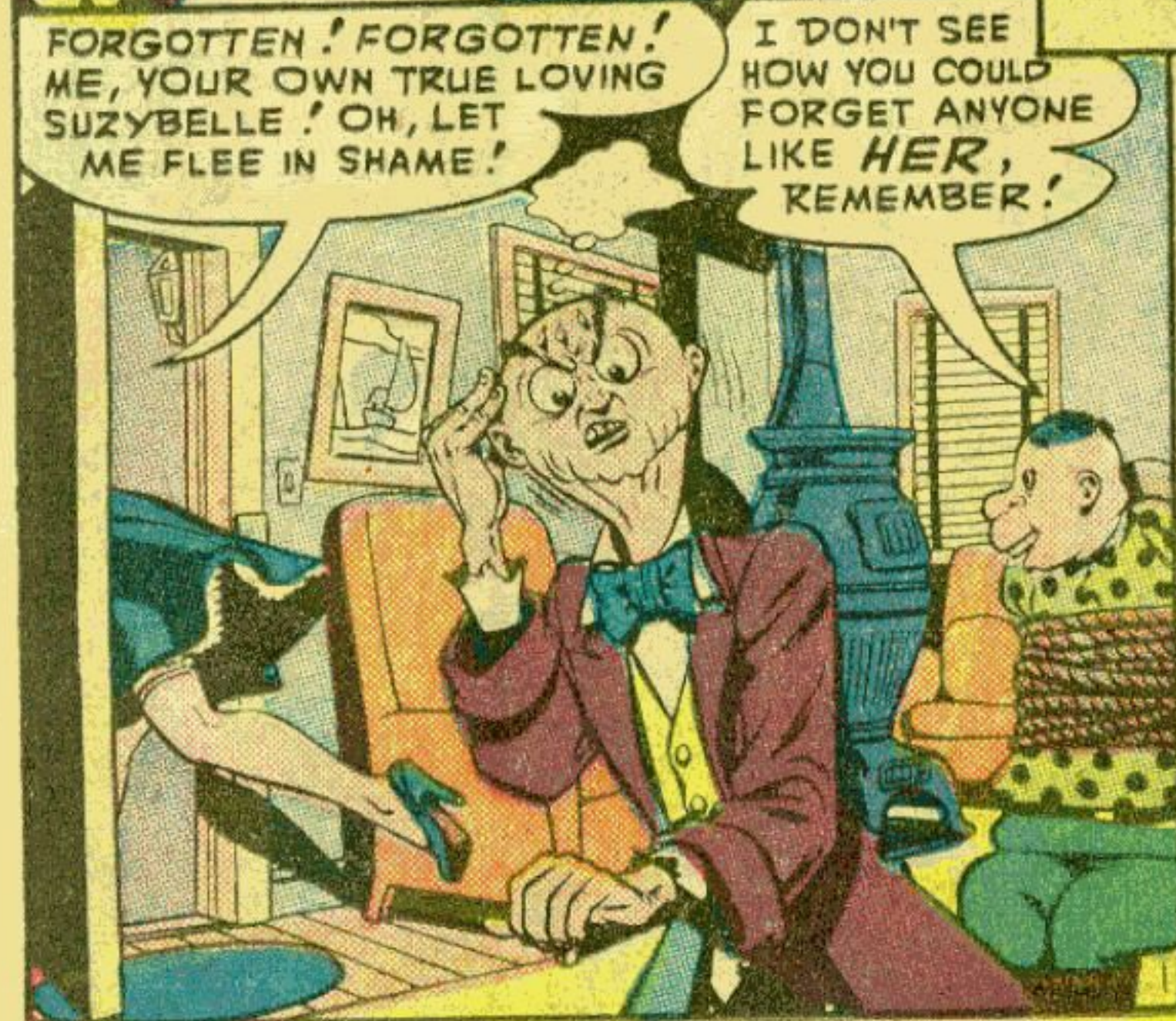
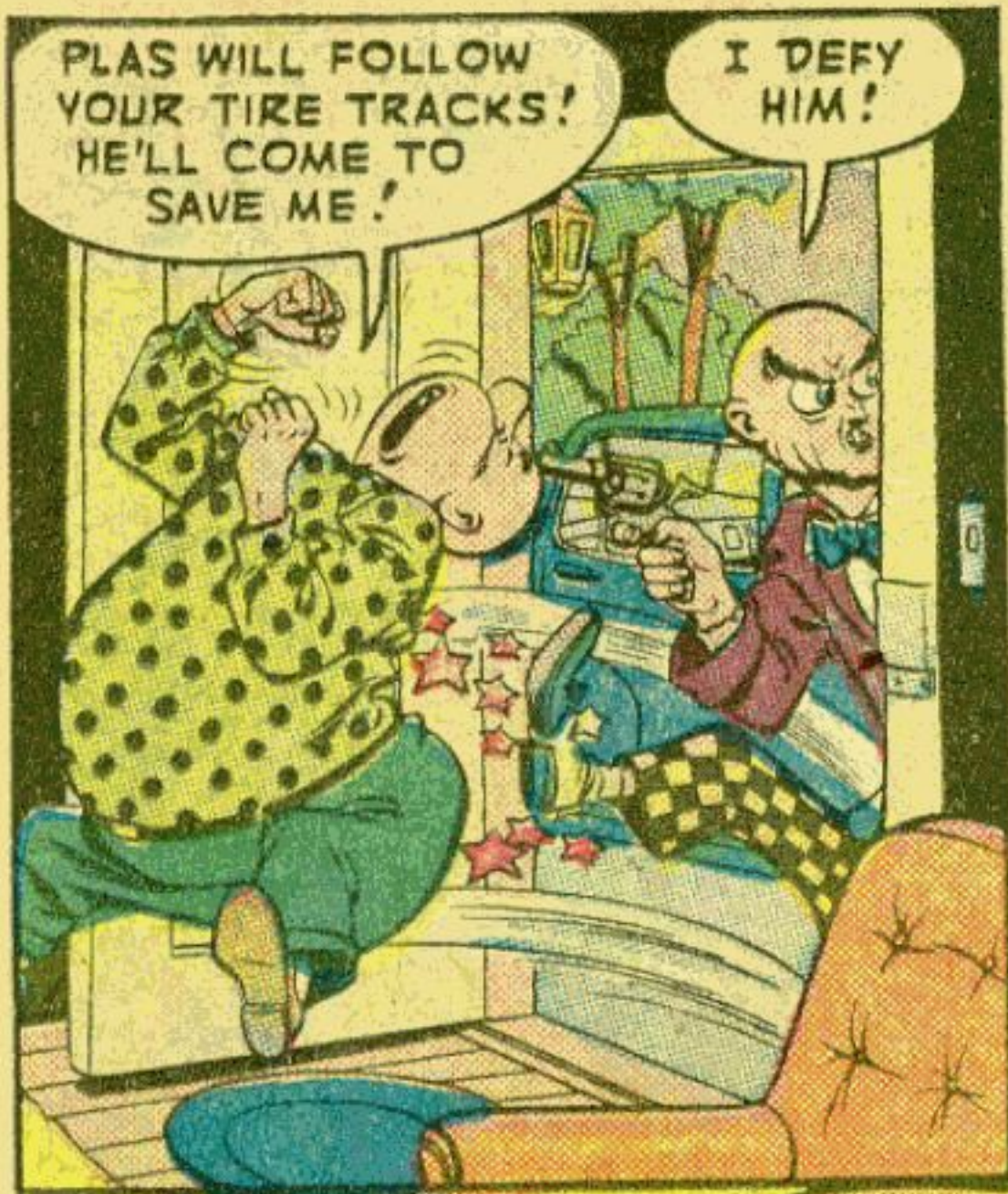
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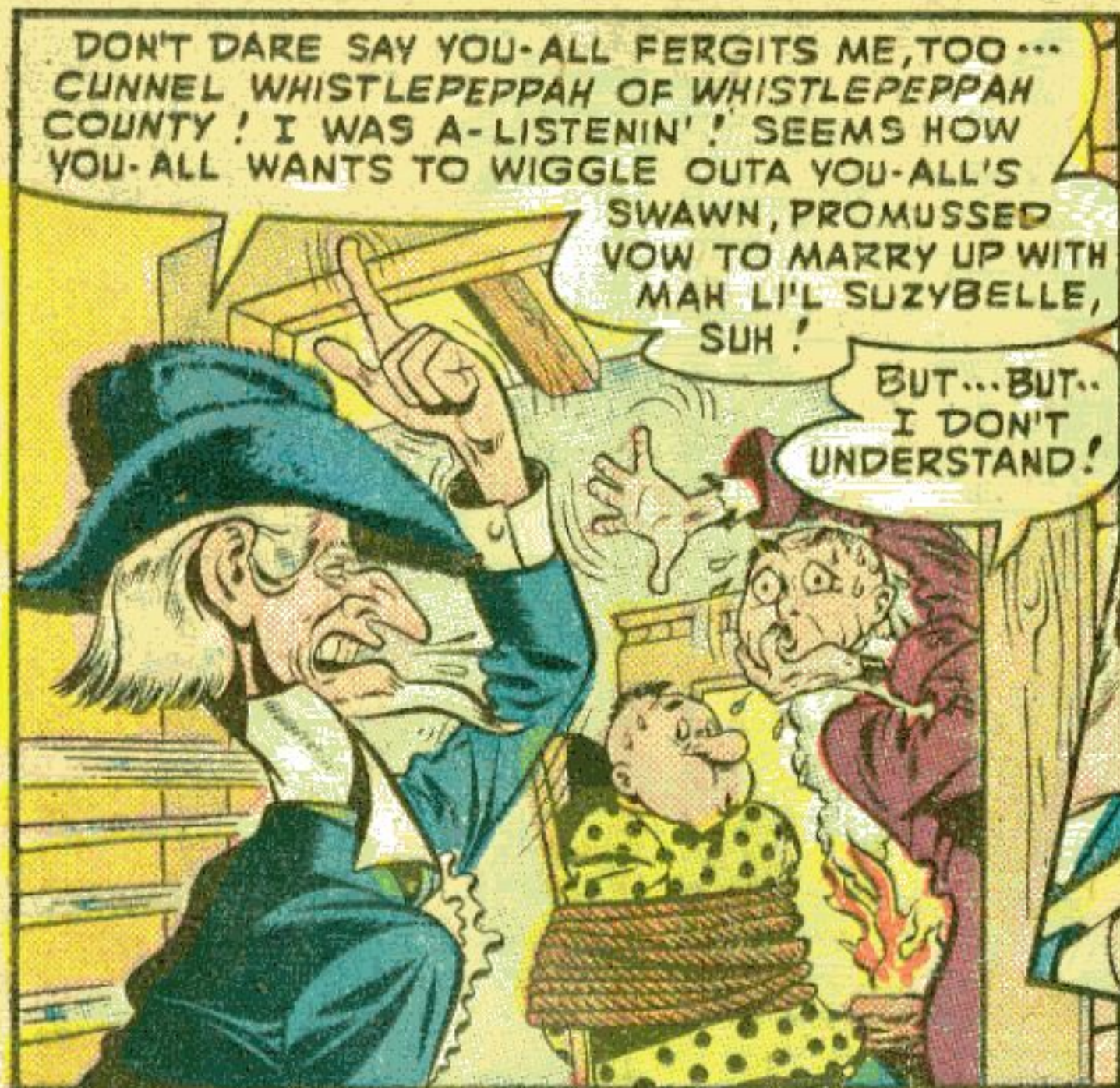


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DON'T DARE SAY YOU-ALL FERGITS ME, TOO... CUNNEL WHISTLEPEPPAH OF WHISTLEPEPPAH COUNTY! I WAS A-LISTENIN'! SEEMS HOW YOU-ALL WANTS TO WIGGLE OUTA YOU-ALL'S SWAWN, PROMUSSED VOW TO MARRY UP WITH MAH LI'L SUZYBELLE, SUH!

BUT... BUT... I DON'T UNDERSTAND!



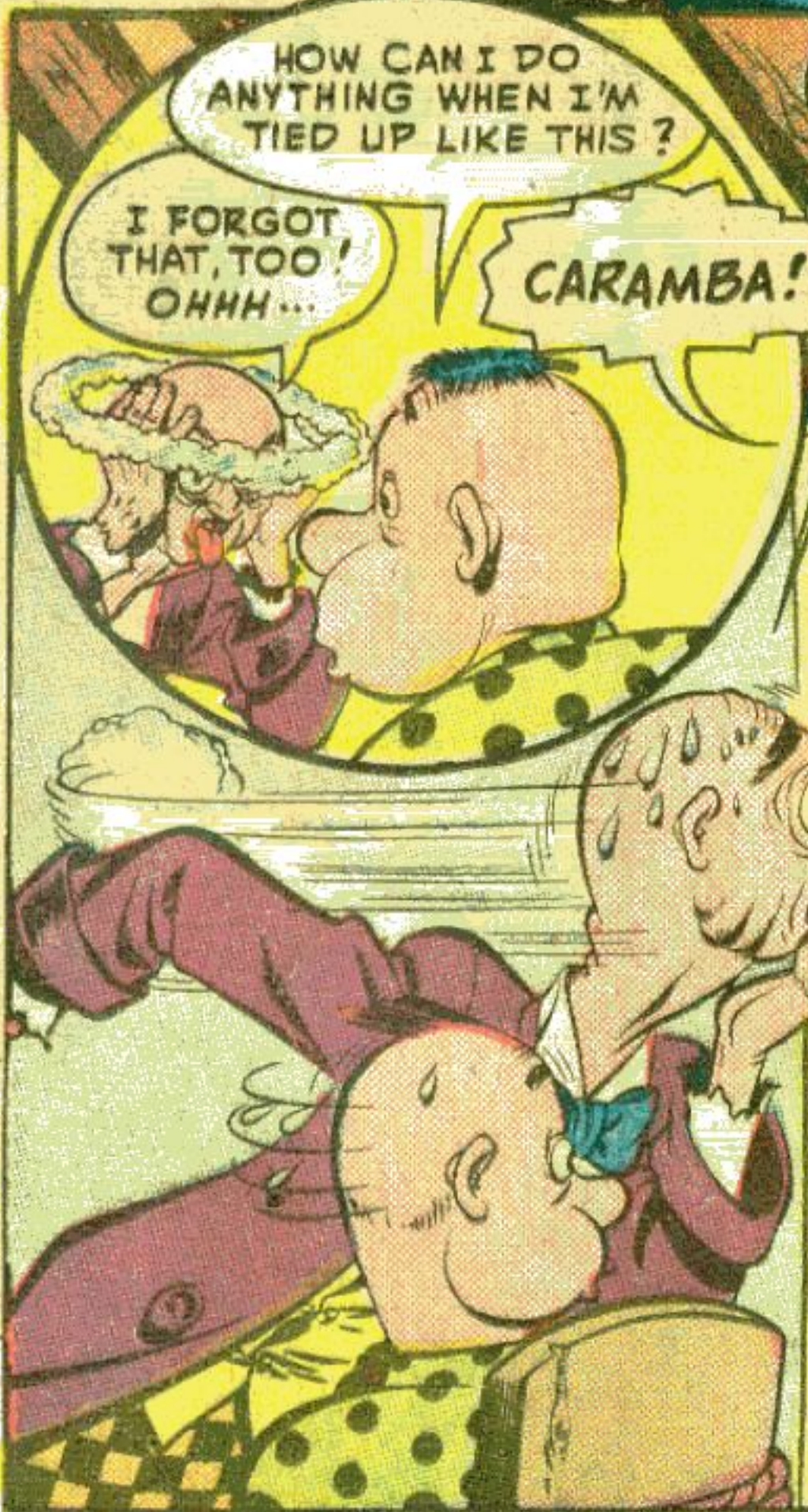
UNDAHSTAND THIS, SUH! I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUAH WITH A PAHSON AN WITNUSSSES... AND SUZYBELLE! IF YOU ALL REFOOZES TO WED YOU-ALL'S PROMUSSED BRIDE, I'LL HOSSWHUP YOU-ALL WITHIN AN INCH OF YOU-ALL'S LIFE! WITHIN AN INCH, SUH!

PLEASE... PLEASE...



I'LL BE BACK, I SAY! GIT READY FO' MARRIAGE OR MAYHEM!

AND NEVER TO MY KNOWLEDGE DID I SEE HIM BEFORE! DON'T SIT THERE STARING, MAN... DO SOMETHING!



HOW CAN I DO ANYTHING WHEN I'M TIED UP LIKE THIS?

I FORGOT THAT, TOO! OHHH...

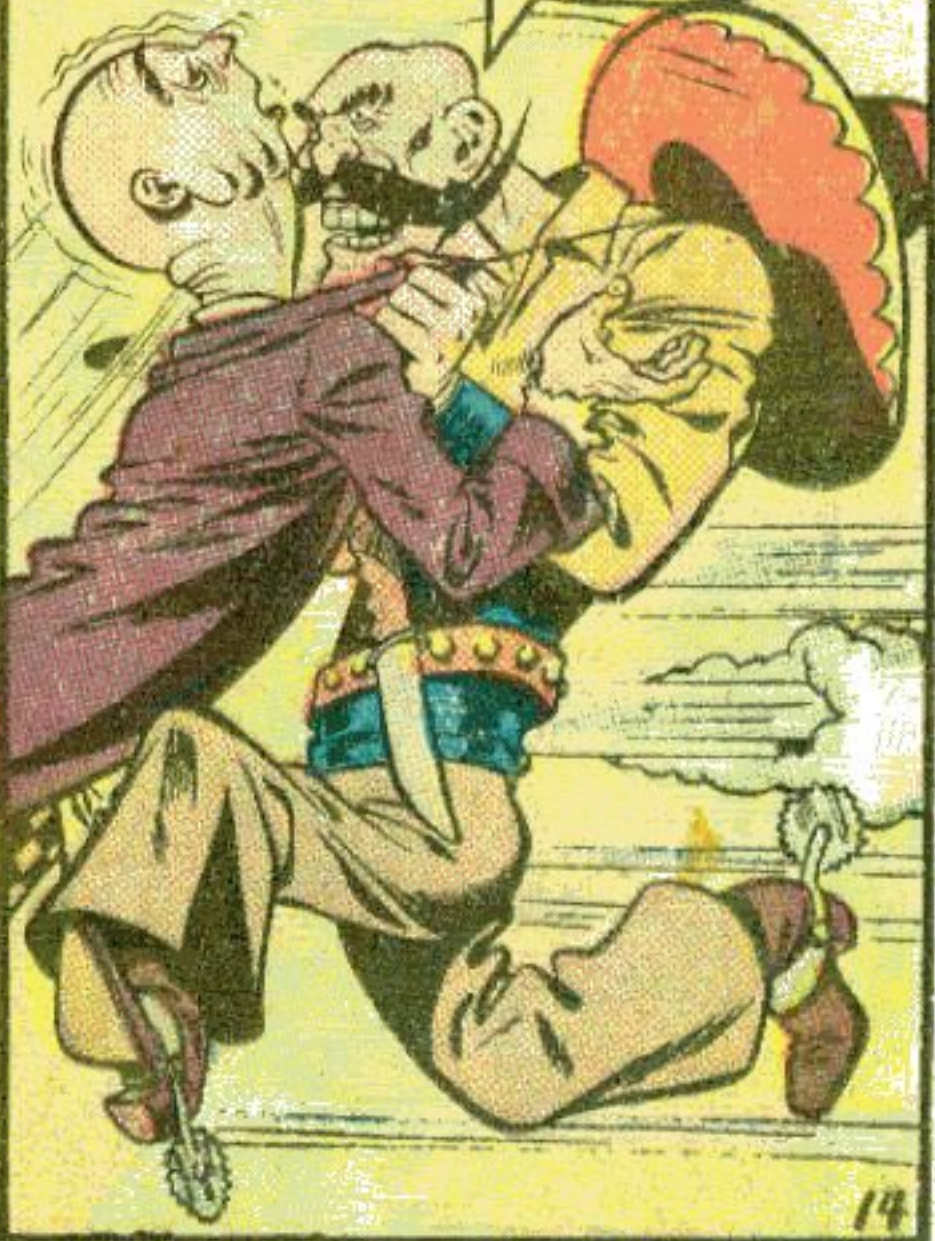
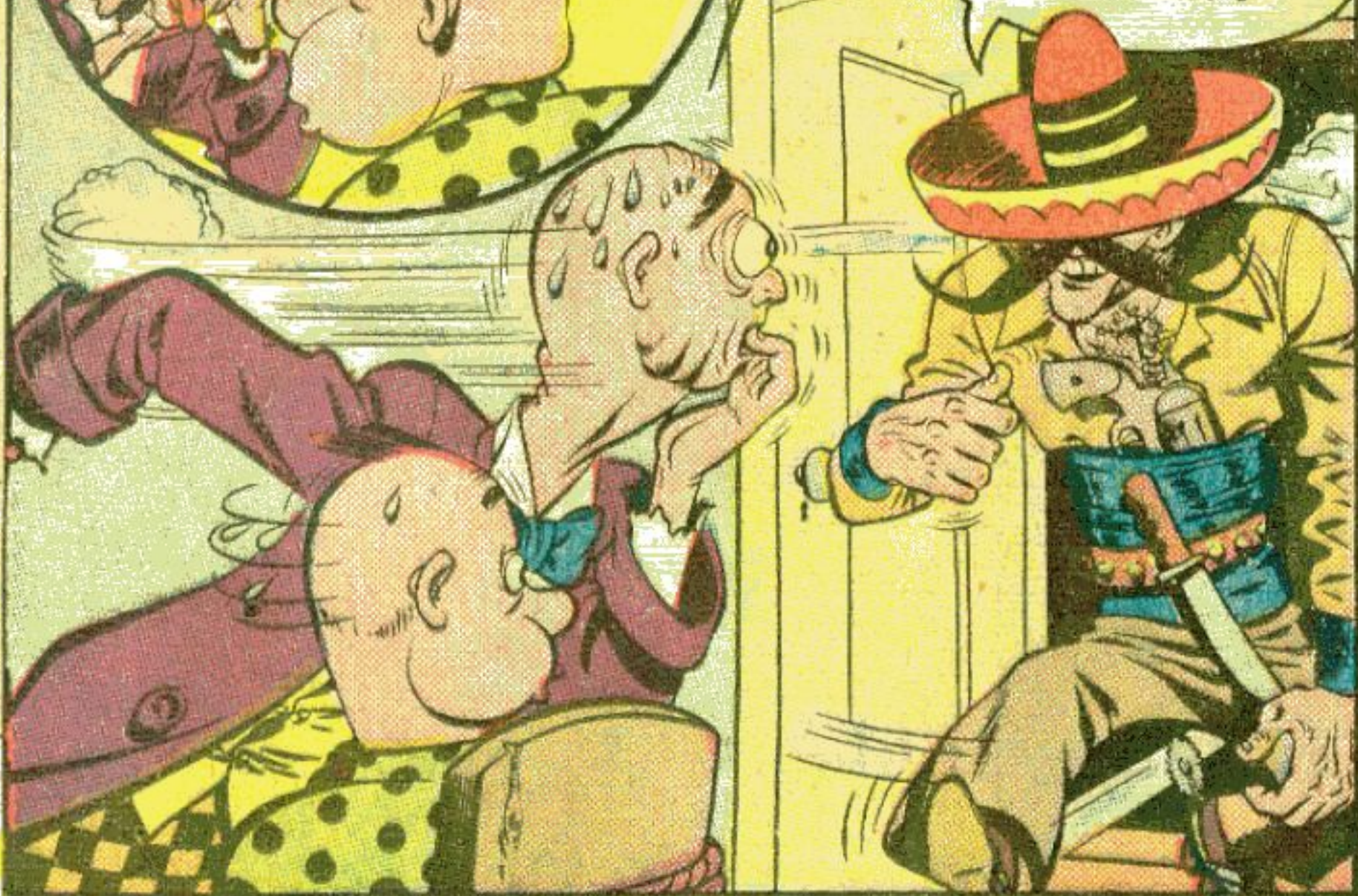
CARAMBA!

ANOTHER STRANGER...

WHAT, SEÑOR REMEMBAIR? YOU CALL ME THE STRANGAIR? ME, CARLOS FOMBOBO, FROM WHOM YOU HAVE STEAL THE FAMOUS, SO-SWEET, SO-CHARMING SUZY-BELLE WHEESTLE-PEPPAIR?

BUT I ASSURE YOU, I NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF SUCH A THING!

BAH! WEETH THE EAR I HEAR! WEETH THE EYE I SEE! YOU THEENK TO MARRY HER WEETHEEN THE HOUR! EEF SO, I KEEL! I STICK WEETH THE KNIFE! I SHOOT WEETH THEE PISTOL!





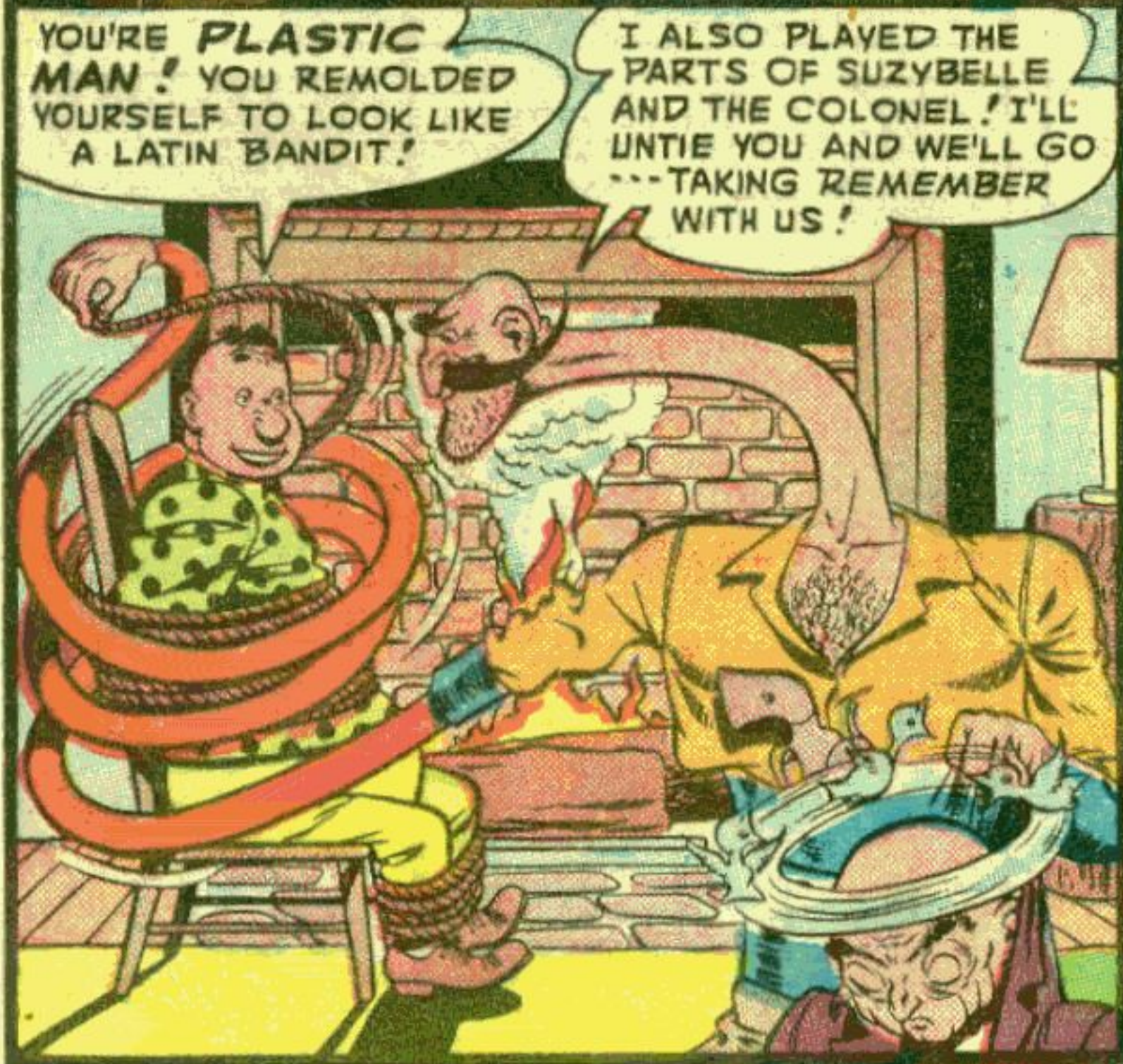
AND TO MAKE THEEINGS WORSE, YOU PRETEND TO FORGET! THESE EES THE MOST AWFUL OF ALL YOUR EENSULT! MAYBE CARLOS FOMBOBO, HE DON'T WAIT THEE HOUR! I KEEL NOW!

OHH... I'M FAINT! CATCH ME, SOMEBODY!



HE'S FAINTED, WOOSY! MY LITTLE SERIES OF IMPERSONATIONS CONVINCED HIM THAT HE HAD INDEED LOST HIS WONDERFUL MEMORY!

YOU... YOU... MUST BE...



YOU'RE PLASTIC MAN! YOU REMODED YOURSELF TO LOOK LIKE A LATIN BANDIT!

I ALSO PLAYED THE PARTS OF SUZYBELLE AND THE COLONEL! I'LL UNTIE YOU AND WE'LL GO --- TAKING REMEMBER WITH US!



AHEM! SUPPOSE I TOLD YOU, PLAS, THAT I KNEW IT WAS YOU ALL THE TIME!

THEN I'D CAUTION YOU TO CURB YOUR IMAGINATION, WOOSY! COME, WE'RE GOING TO THE CHIEF'S OFFICE! I THINK REMEMBER'S BEGINNING TO REVIVE!

And after some days....



YOU'D BETTER CONFESS, REMEMBER! GROPPPO AND YOUR OTHER PALS HAVE ALREADY TOLD EVERYTHING!

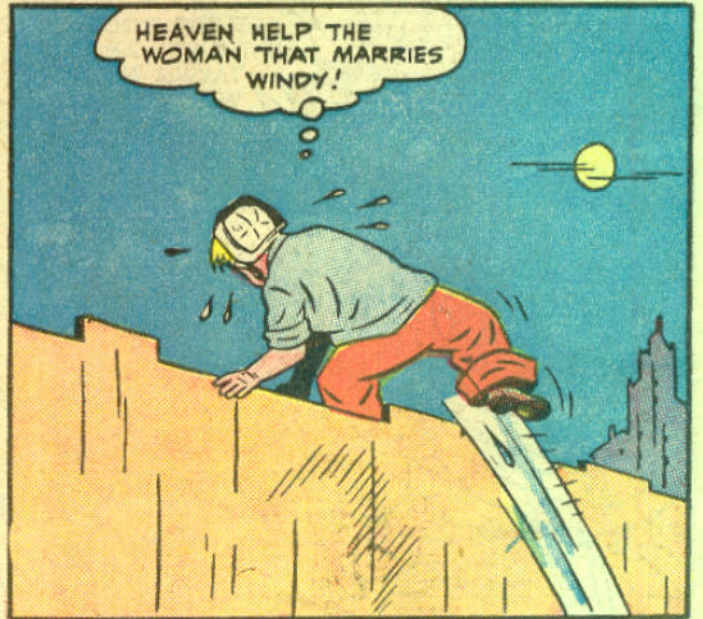
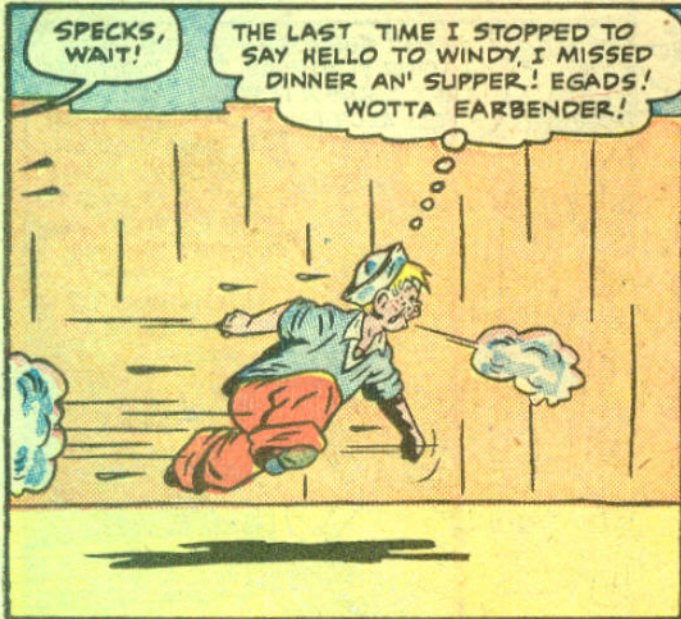
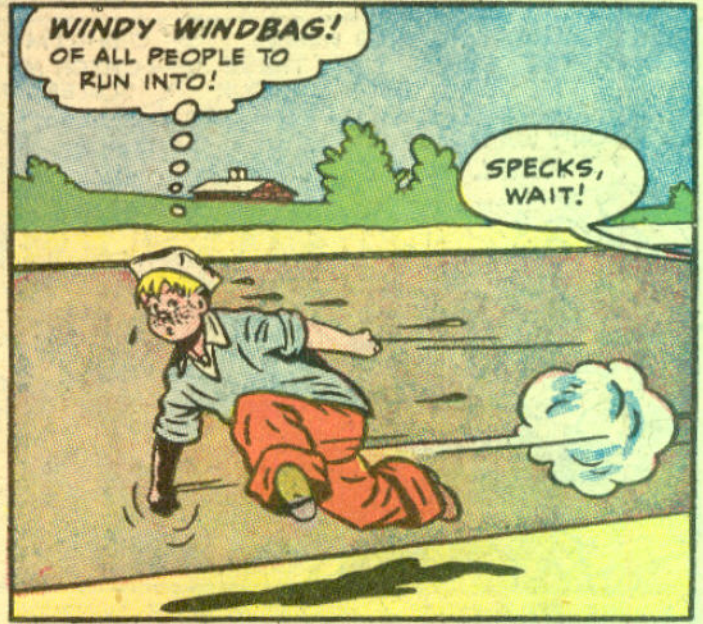
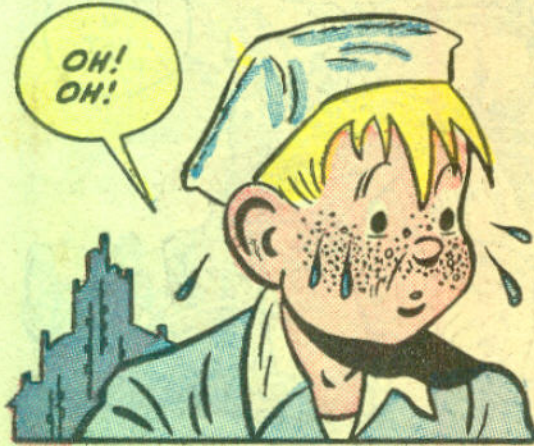
GROPPPO? MY OTHER PALS? WHO ARE THEY... I DON'T SEEM TO REMEMBER!



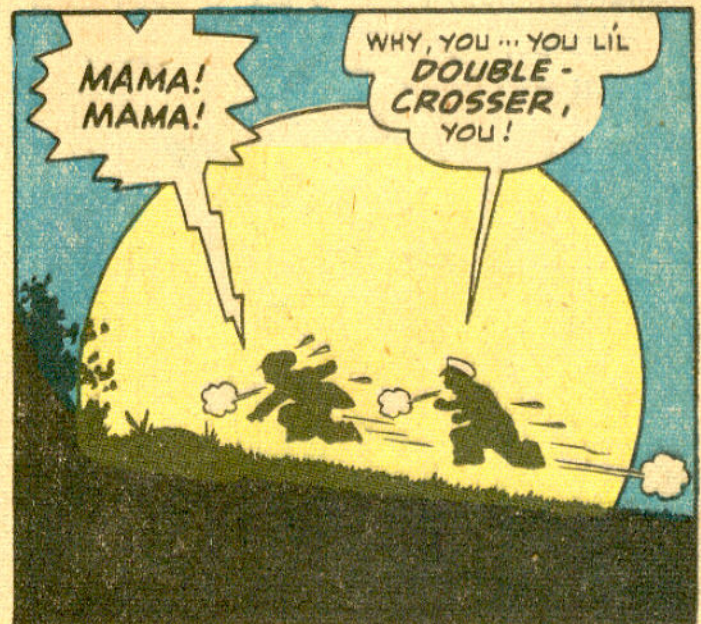
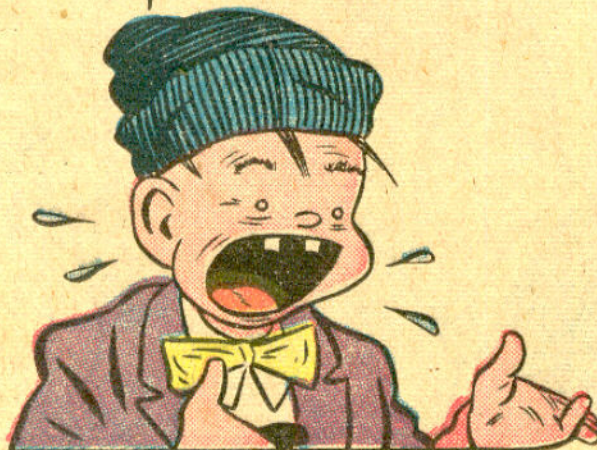
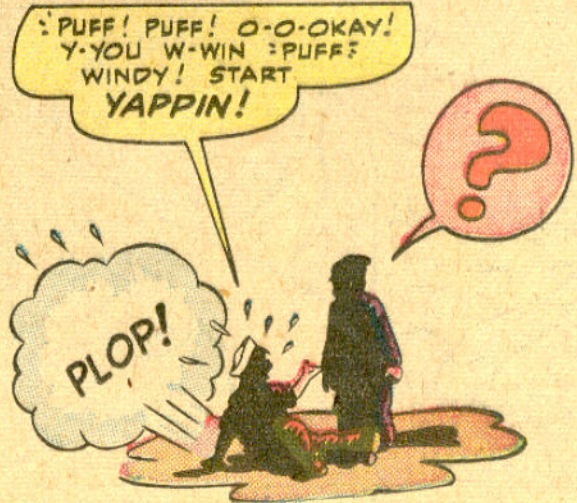
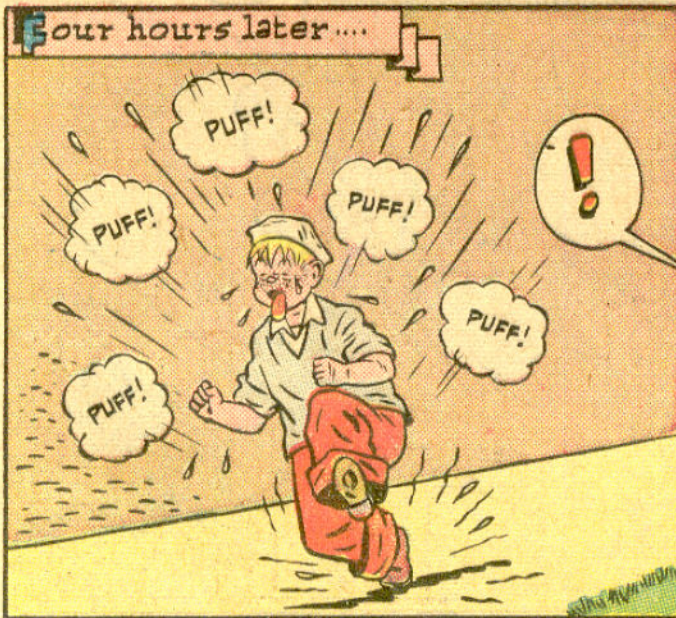
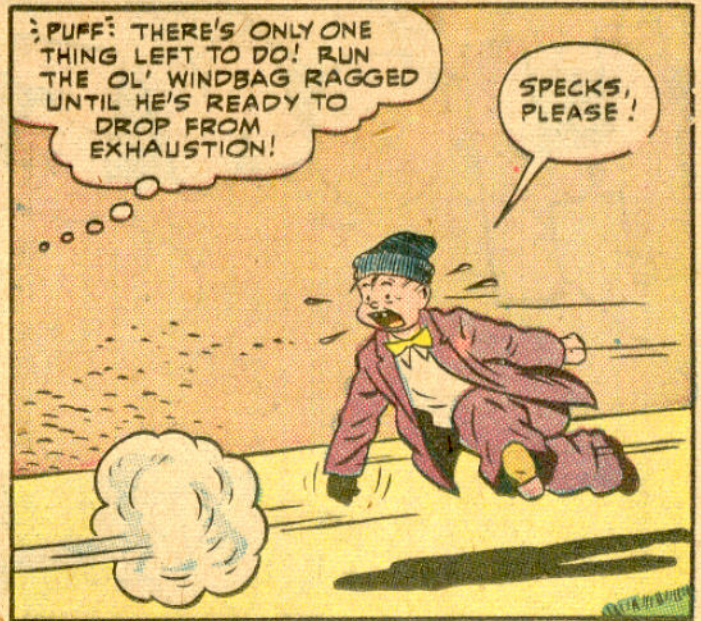
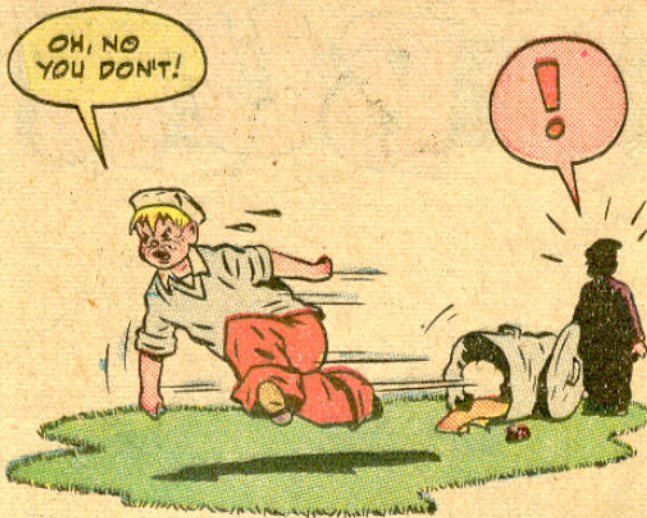
WHAT KIND OF A PRISONER DOES REMEMBER MAKE, WARDEN?

QUIET AND HARD-WORKING... BUT FORGETFUL! HE'S ALWAYS WONDERING WHERE HE LEFT HIS HAT OR HIS TOOLS OR HIS SHOES! THE DOCTOR HAS PRESCRIBED A MEMORY COURSE FOR HIM!

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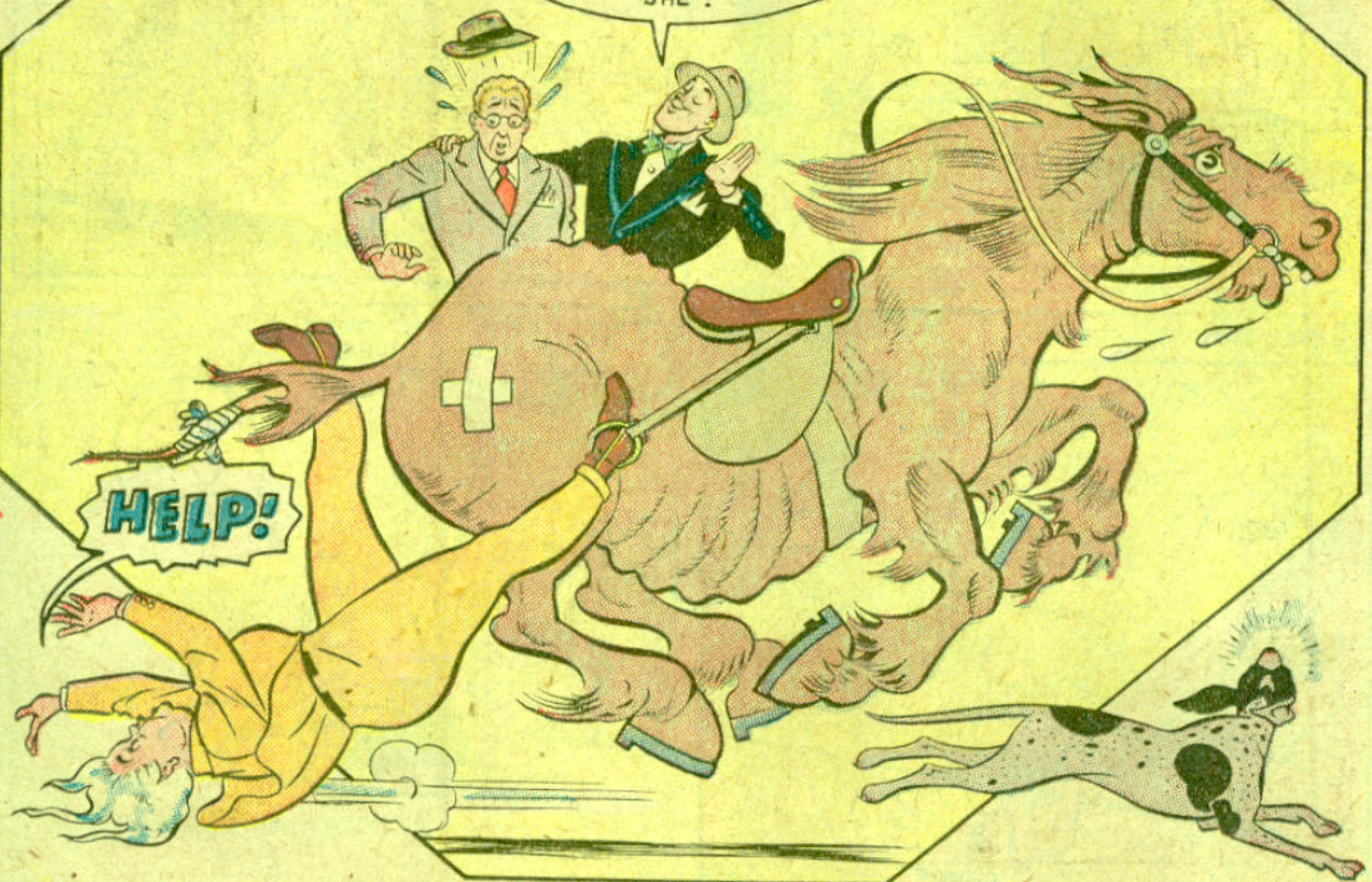
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THAT'S MY MOTHER-IN-LAW! GREAT LITTLE TRICK RIDER, ISN'T SHE?

HELP!



REMEMBER NOW, MOTHER... BE CAREFUL!

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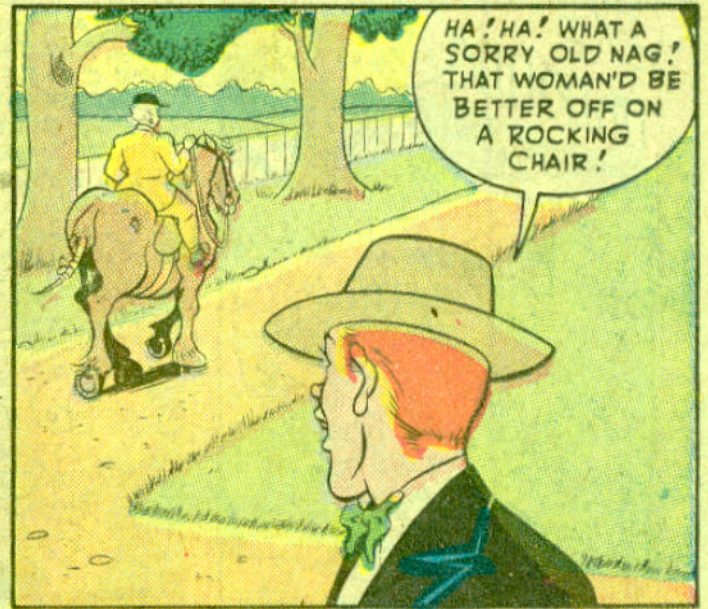
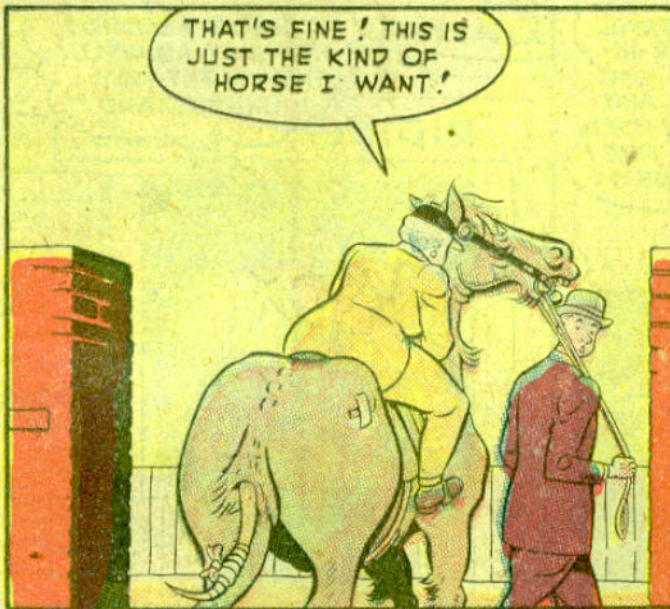
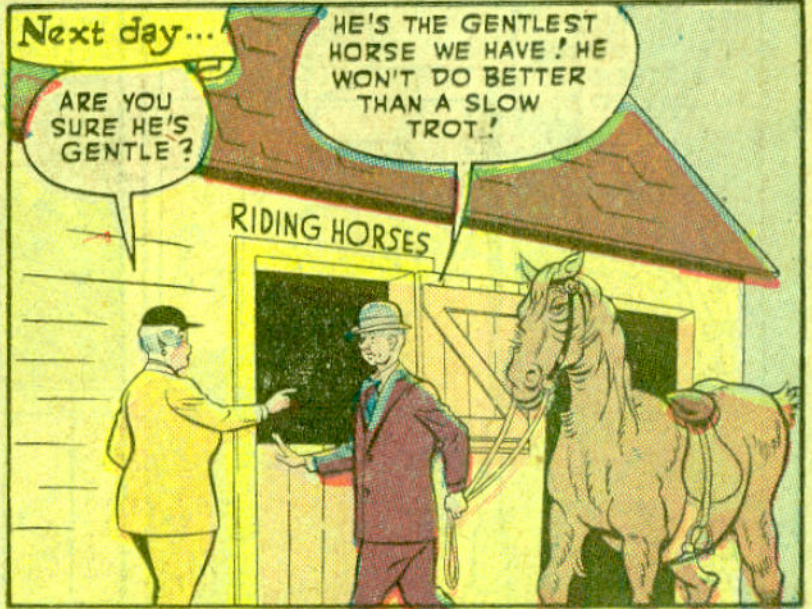
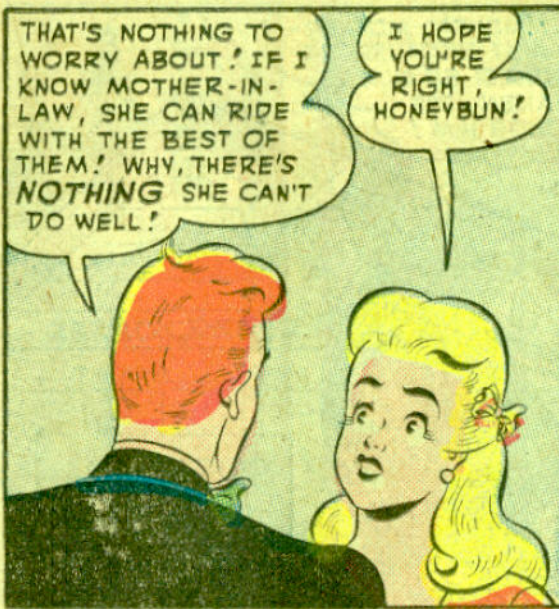


WHAT'S MOTHER-IN-LAW GOT TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT, MIGGS?

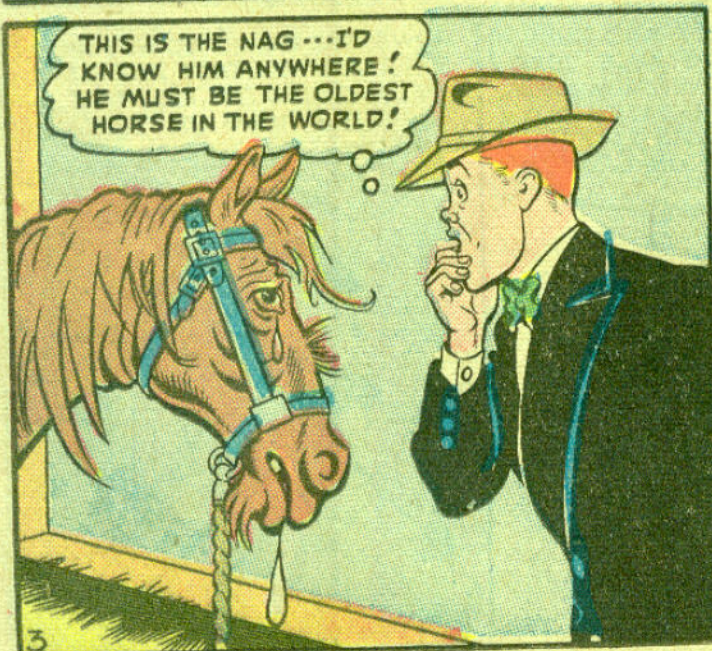
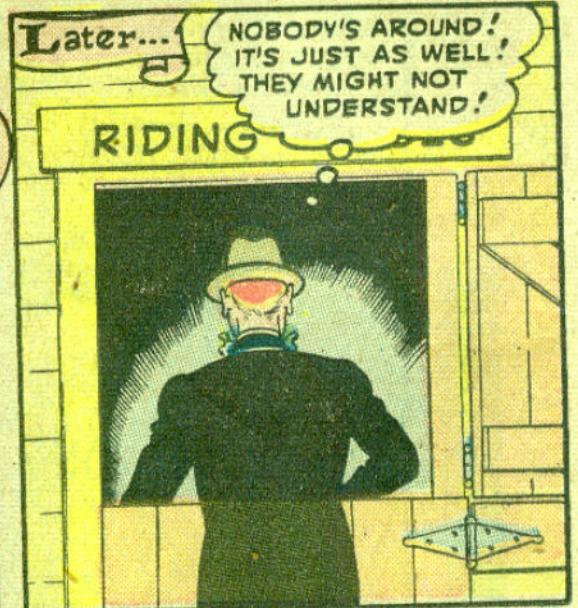
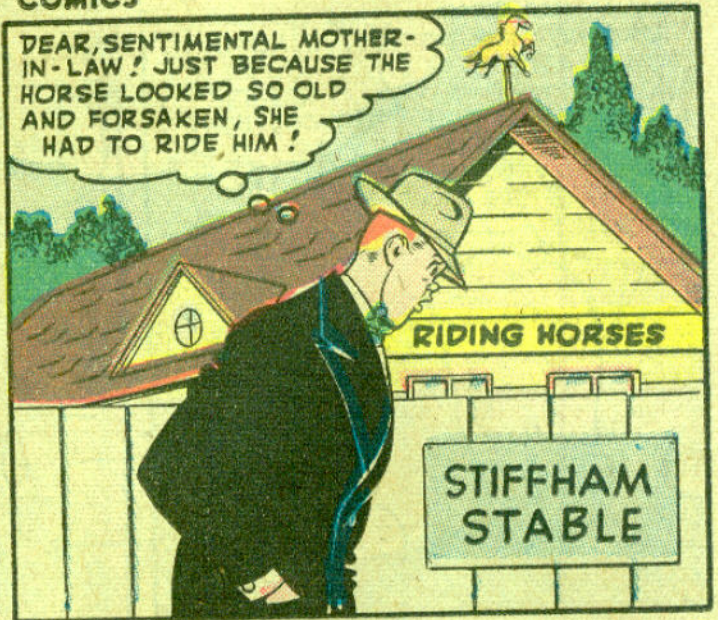
THE DOCTOR ADVISED HER TO GO HORSEBACK RIDING TO REDUCE AND MOTHER HASN'T BEEN ON A HORSE IN YEARS!

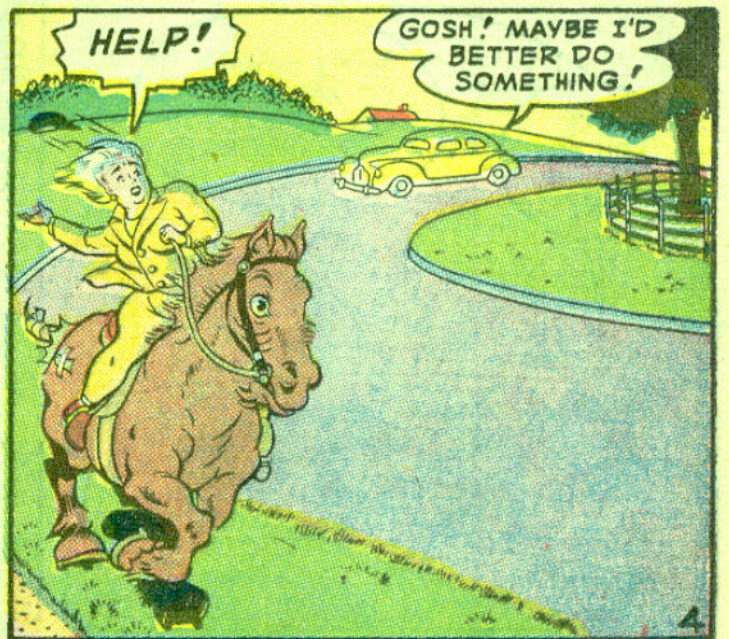
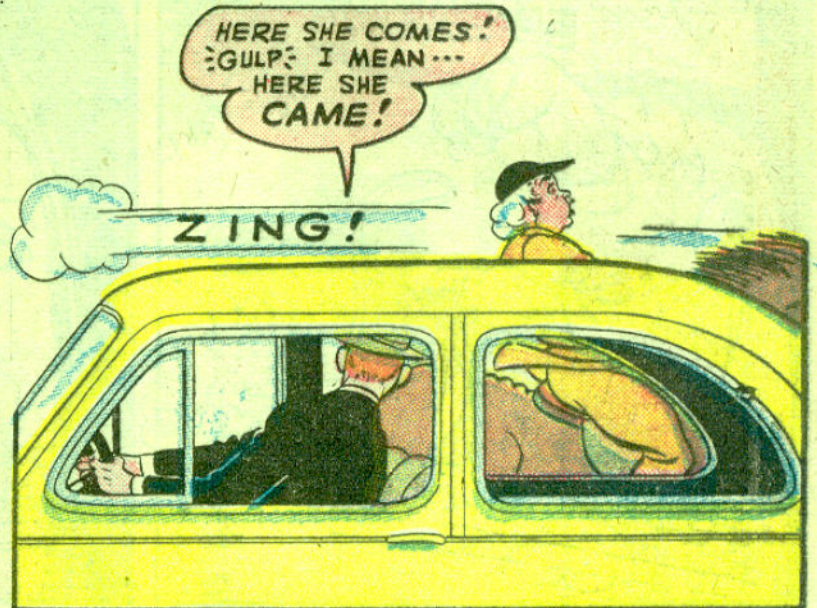
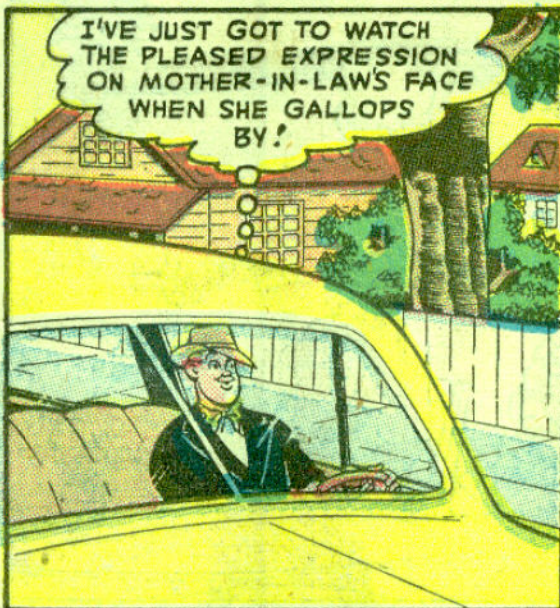
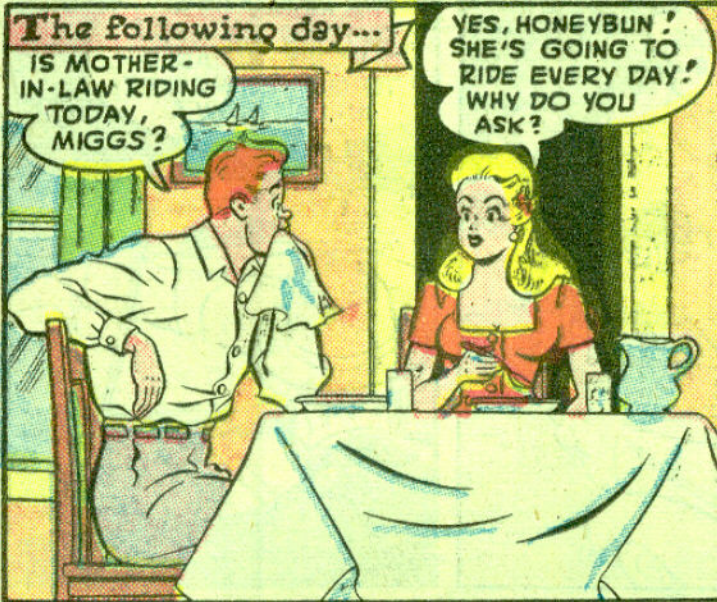


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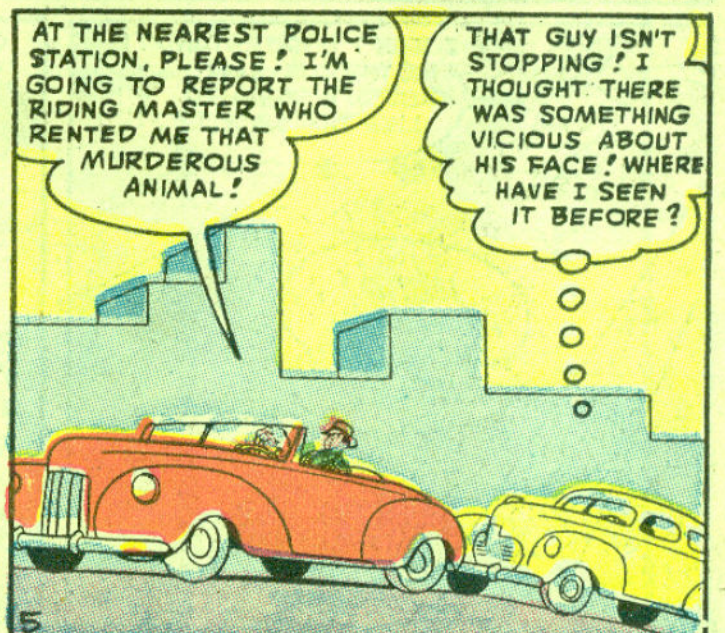
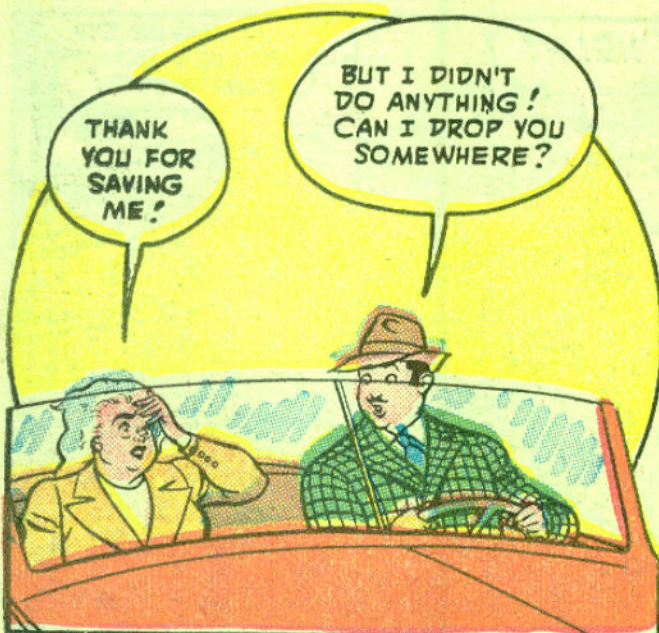
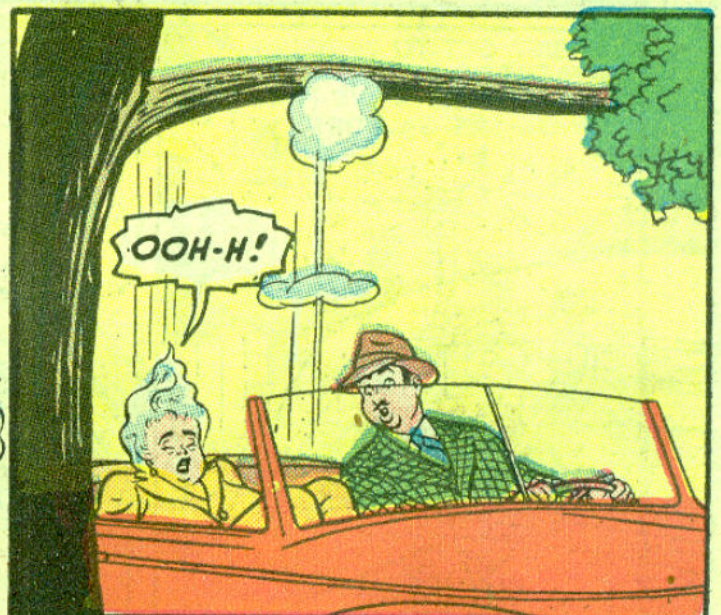
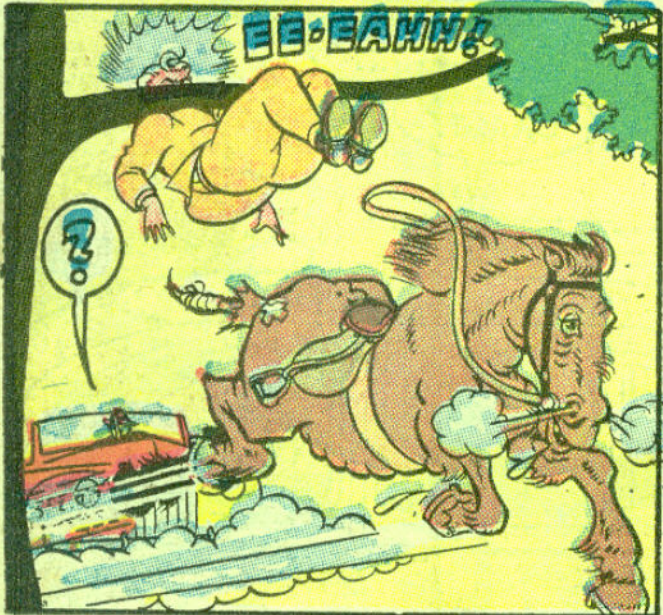
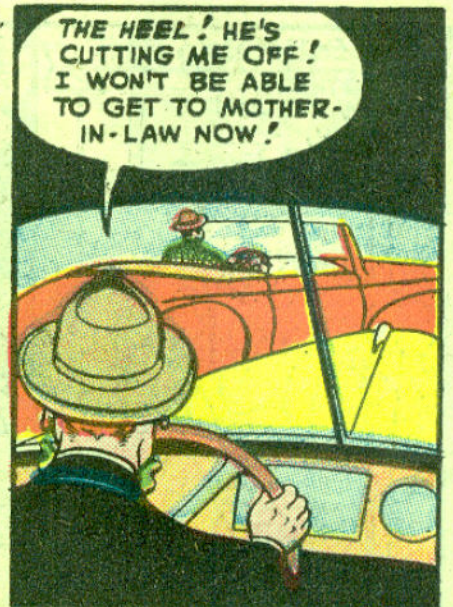
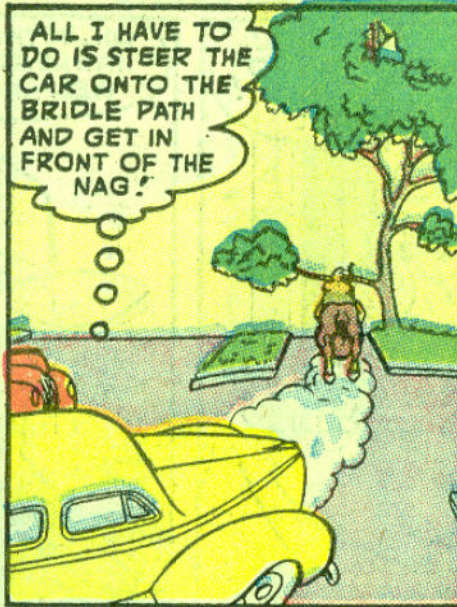


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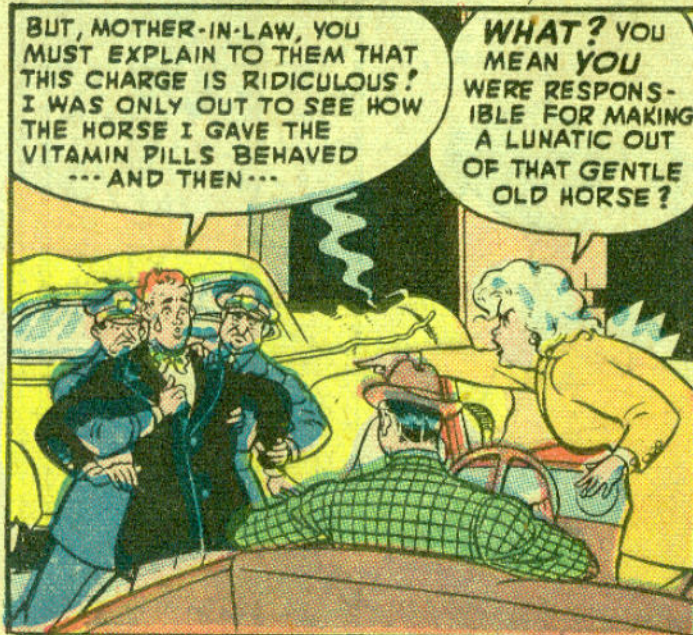
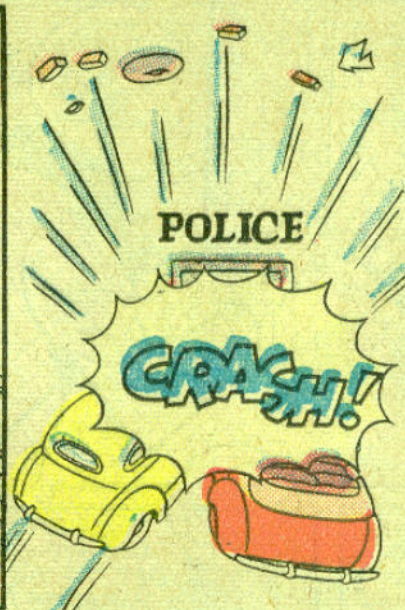
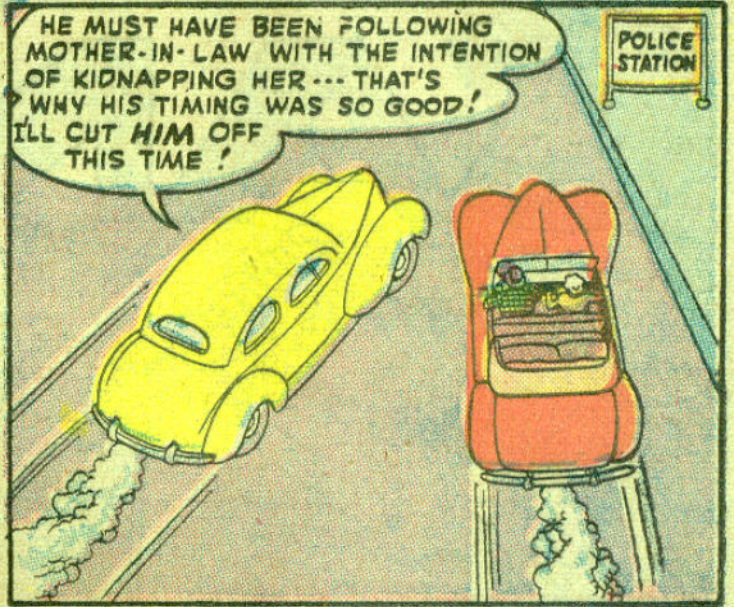
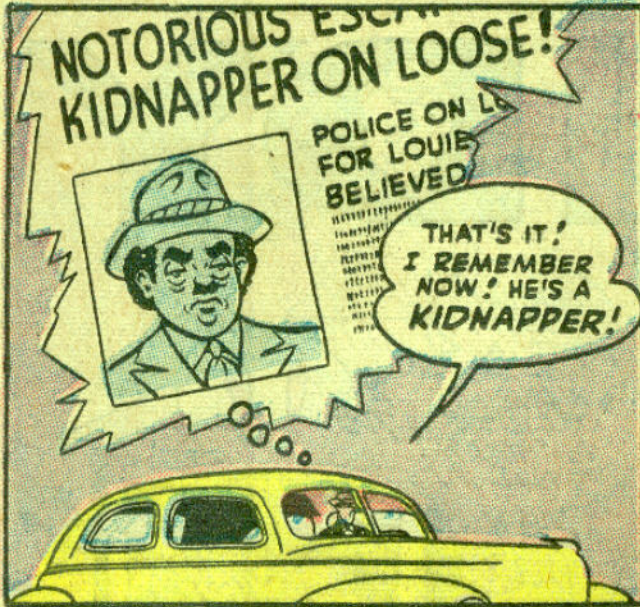




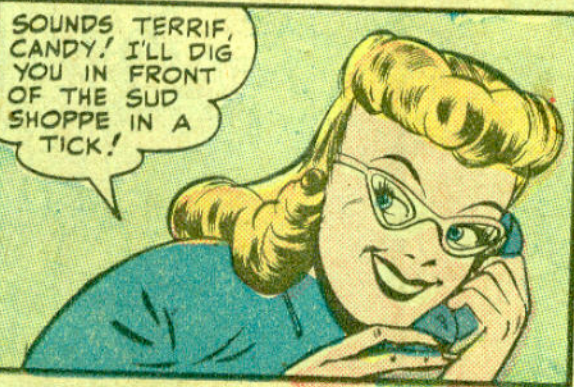
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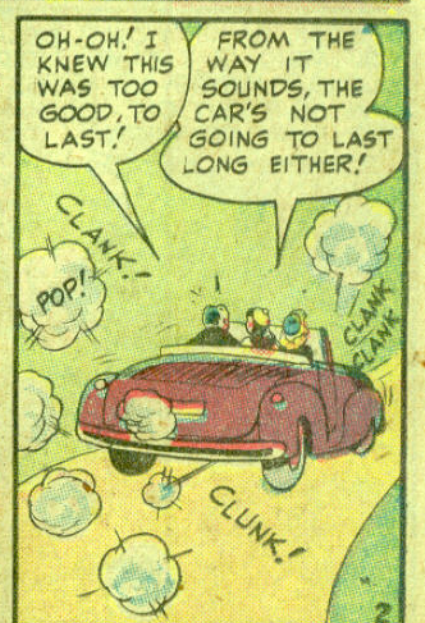
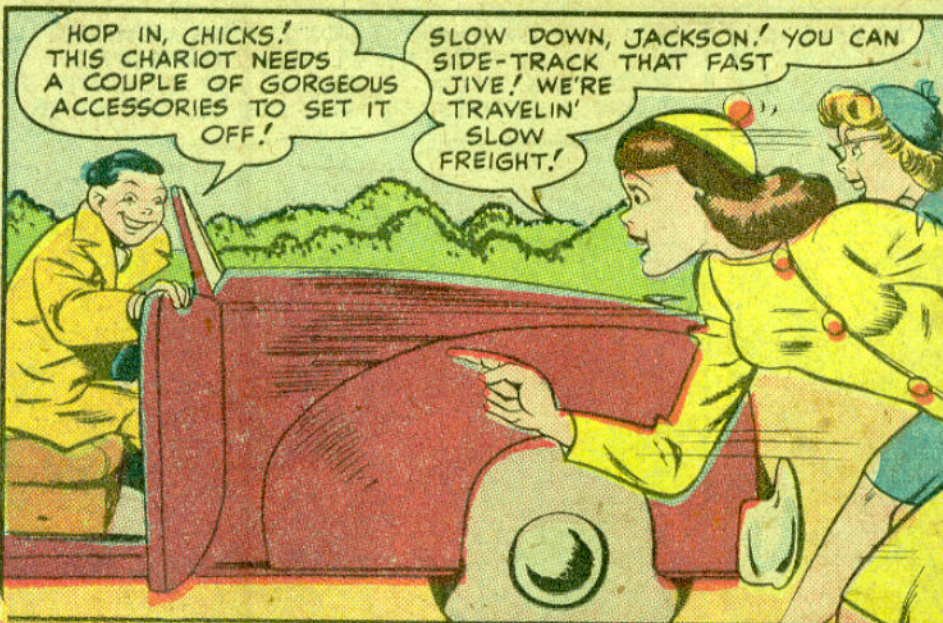
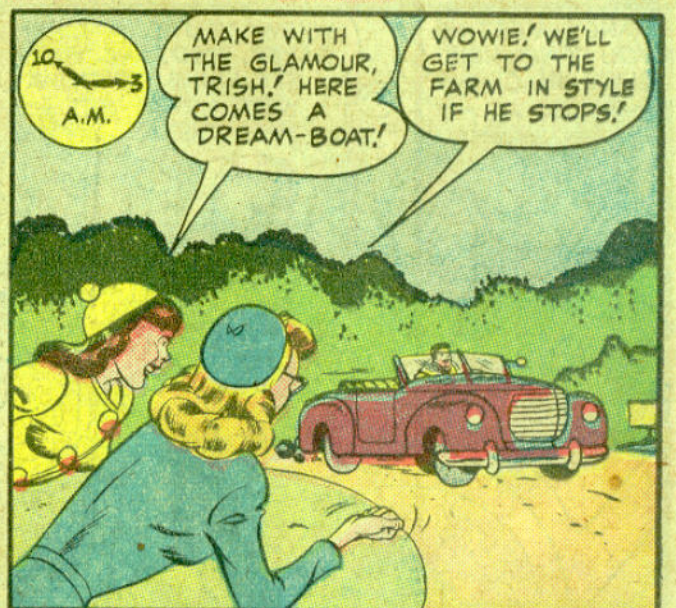
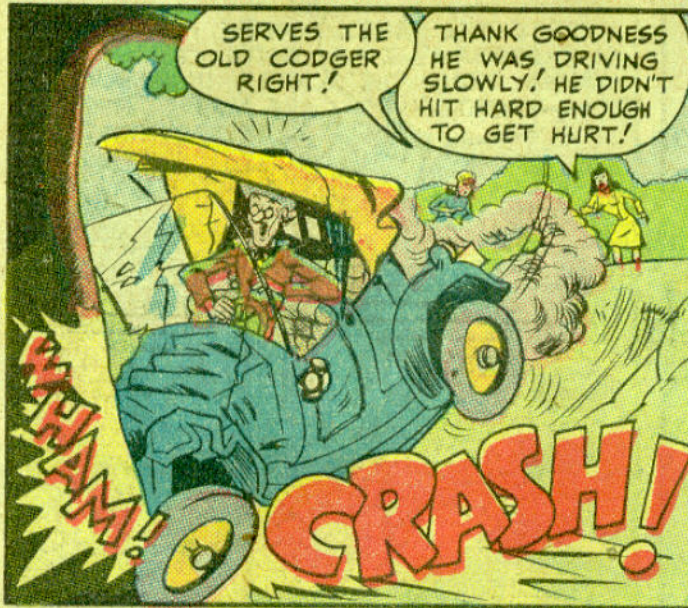
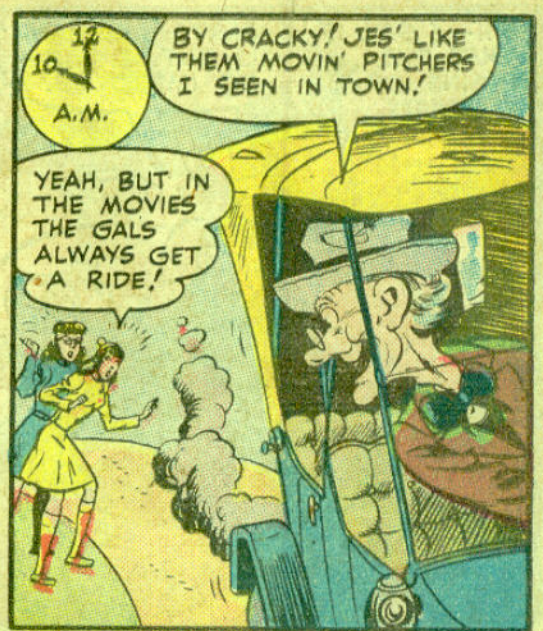
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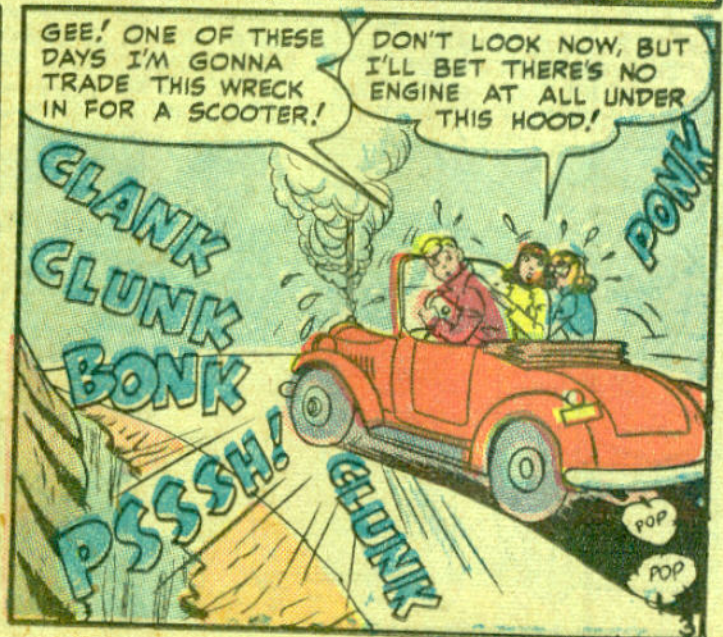
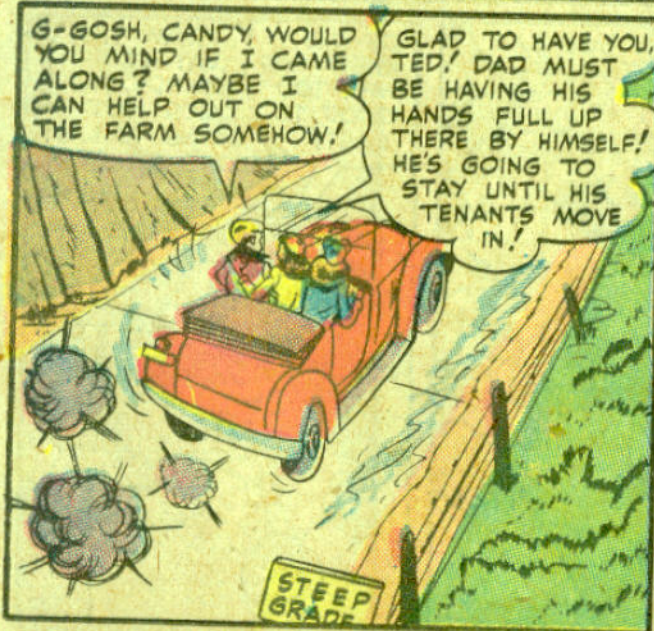
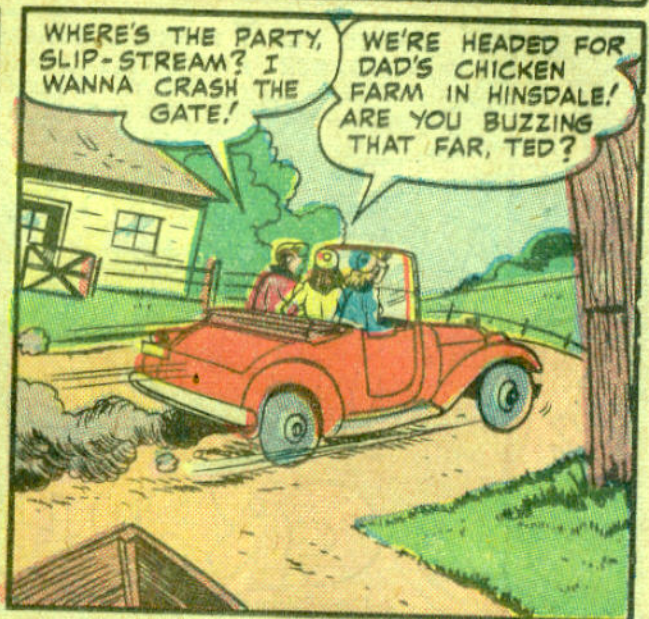
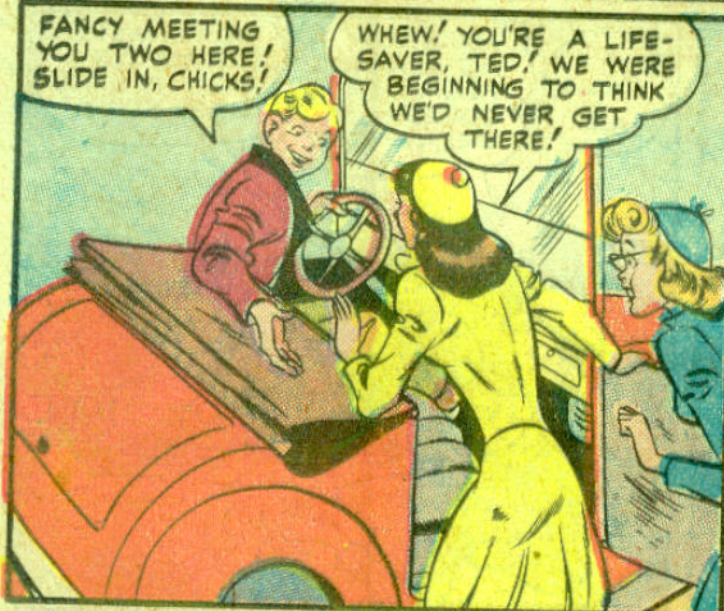
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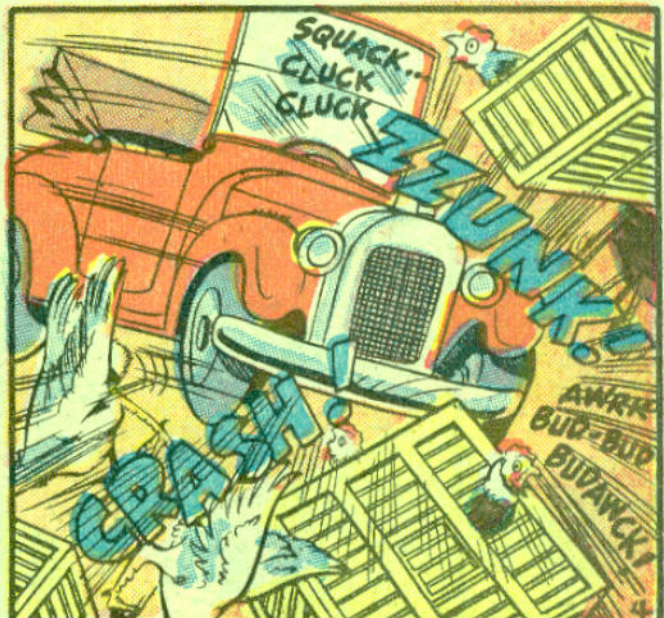
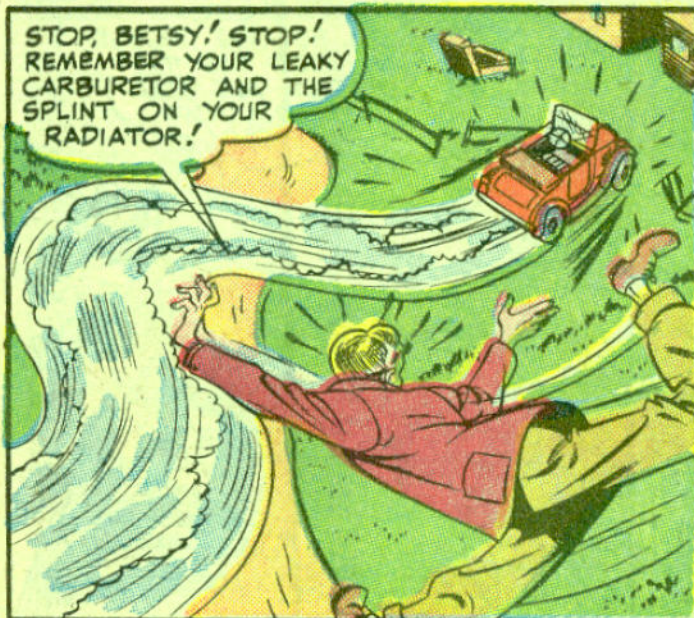
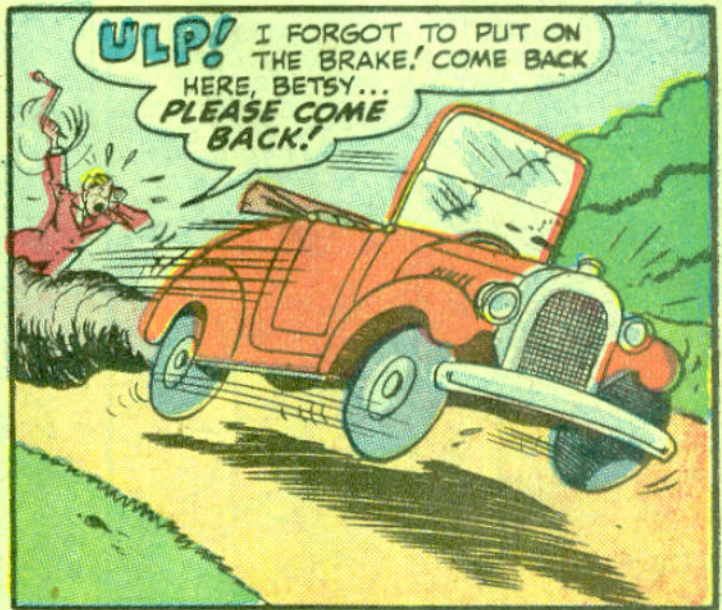
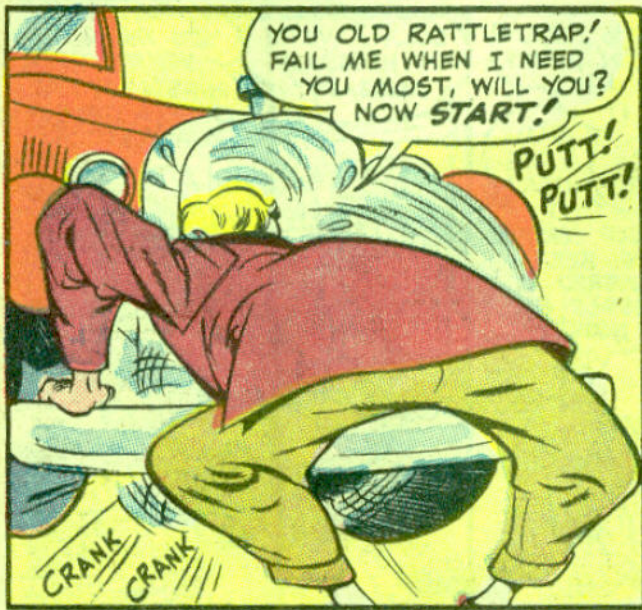
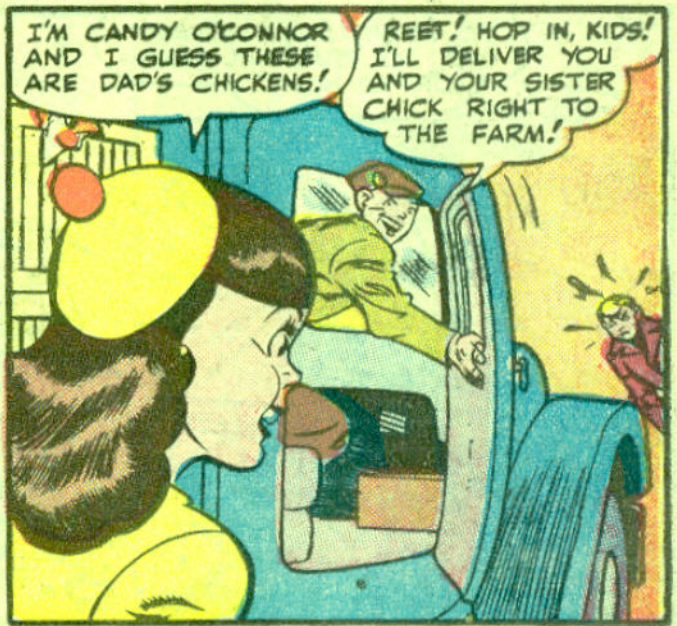
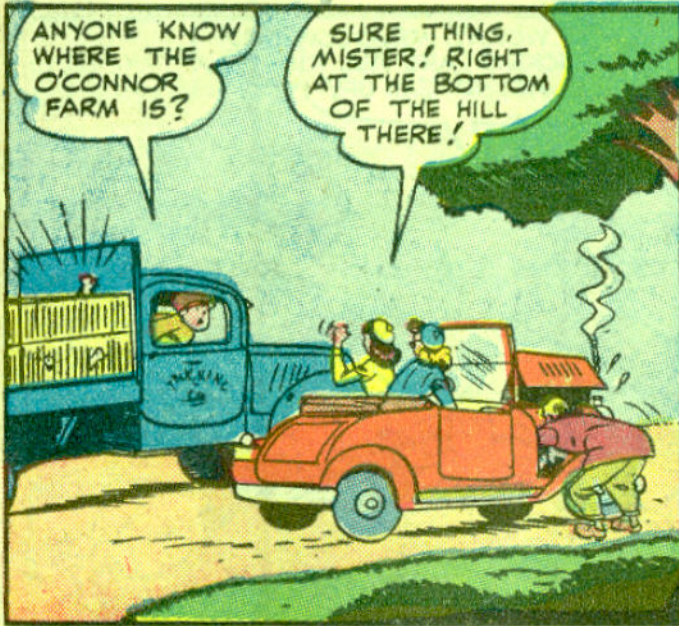
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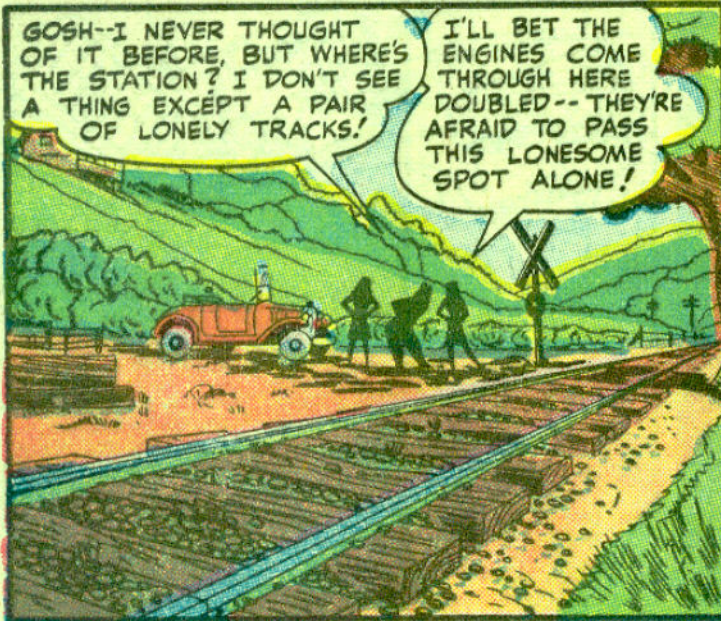
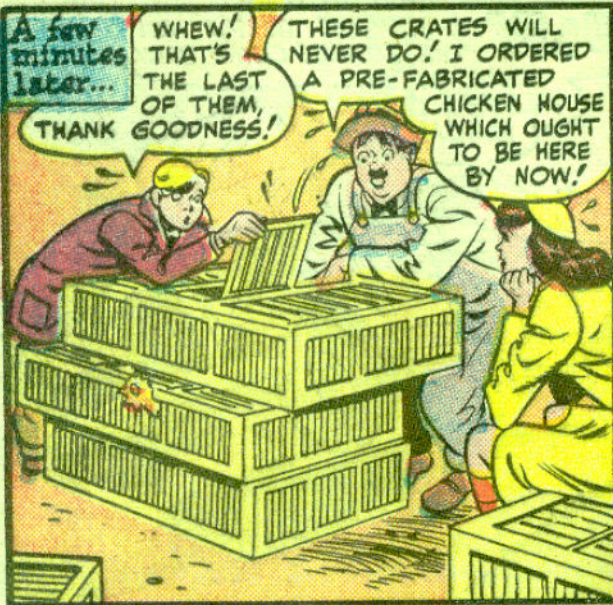
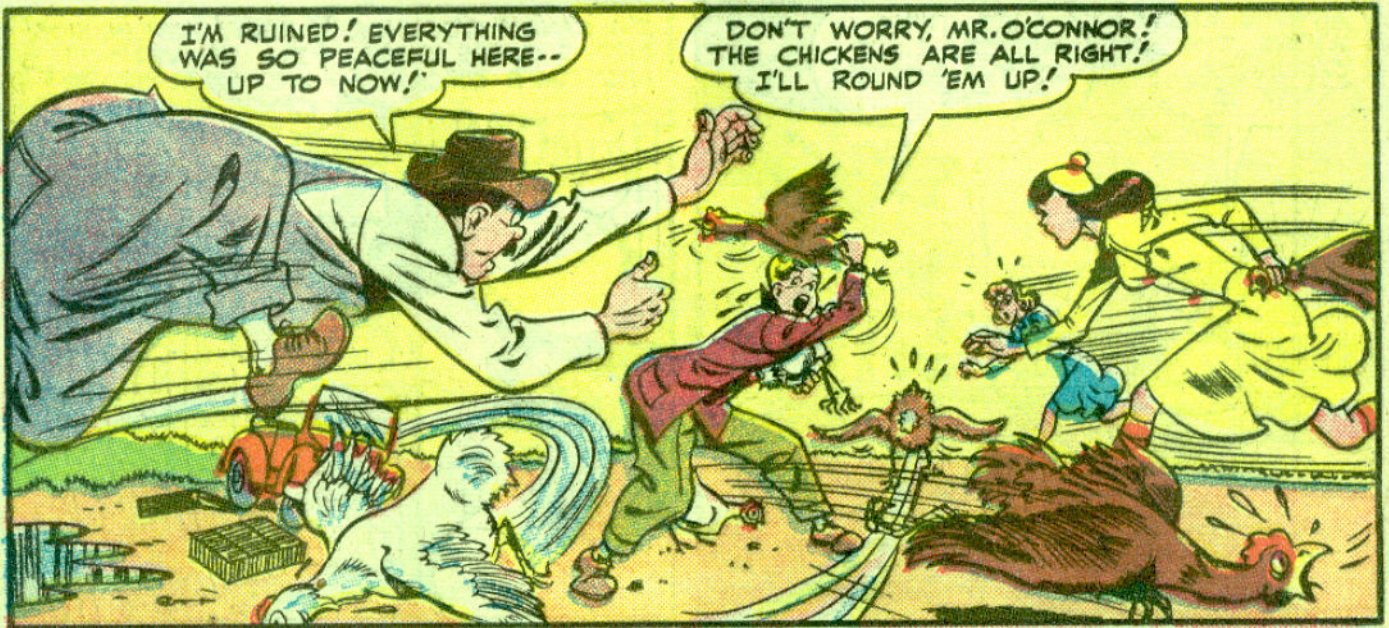
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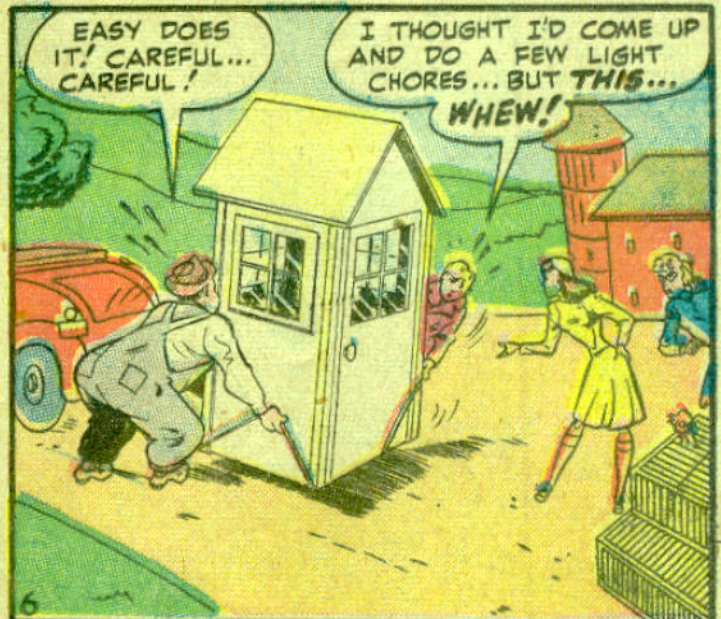
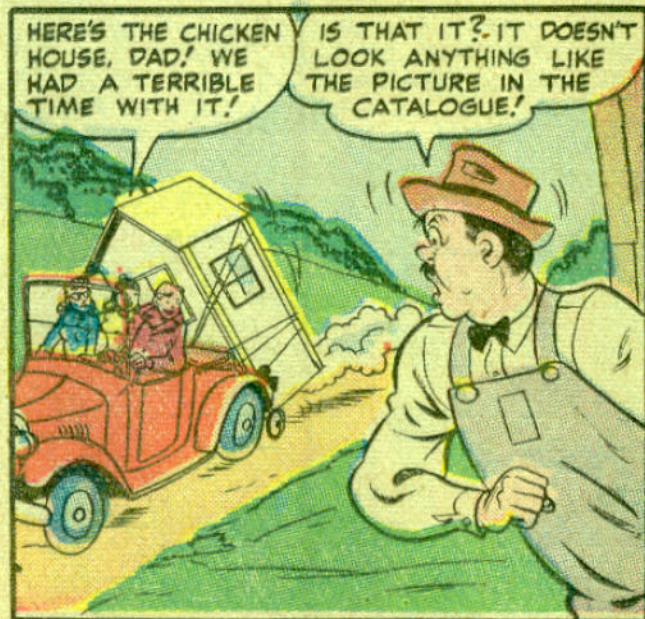
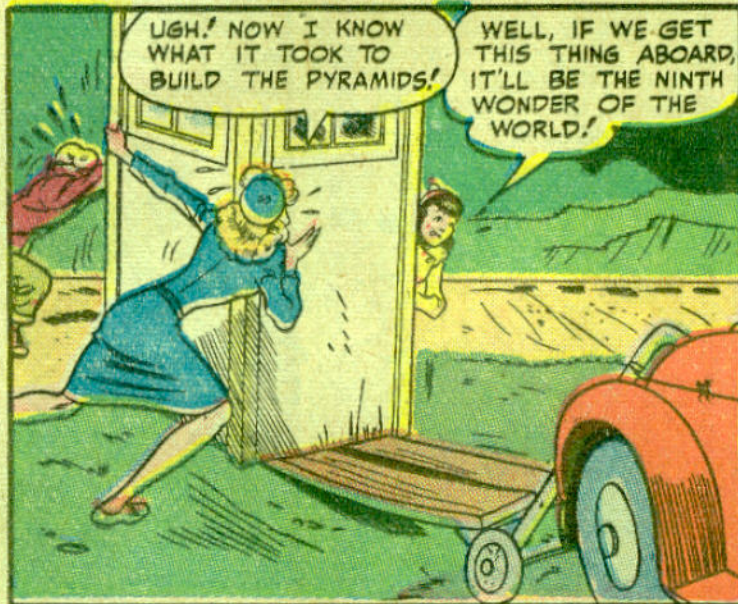
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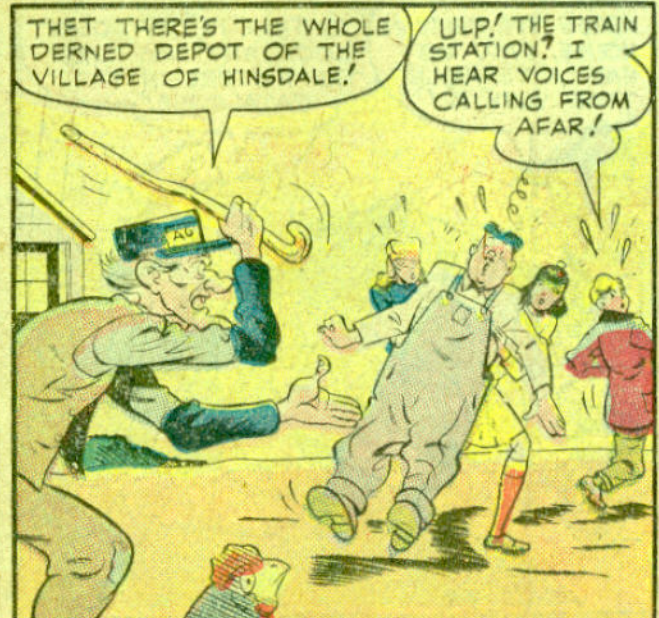
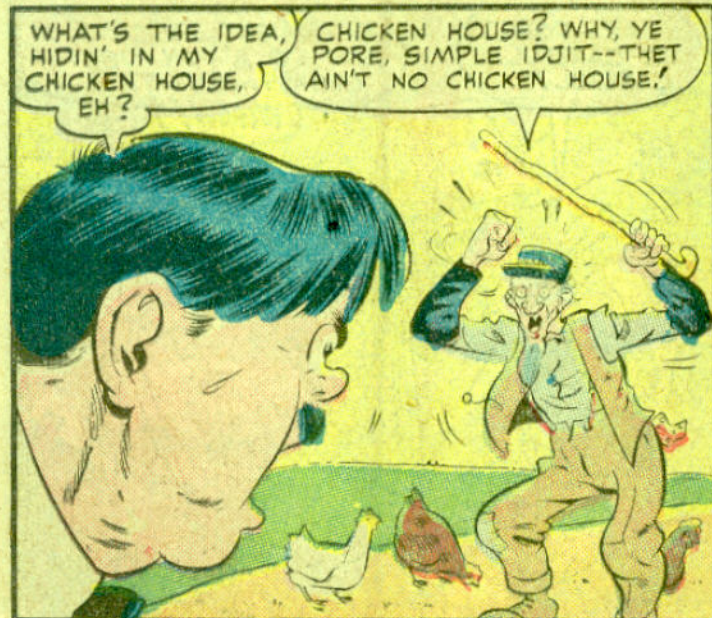
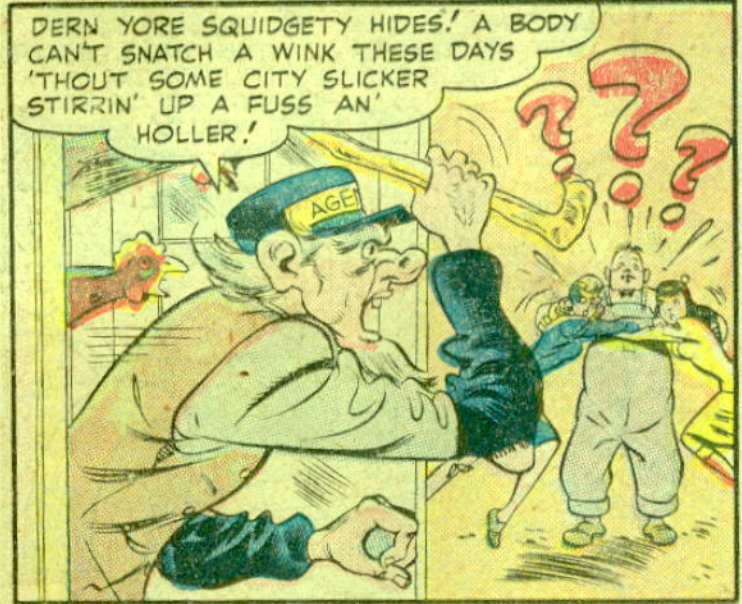
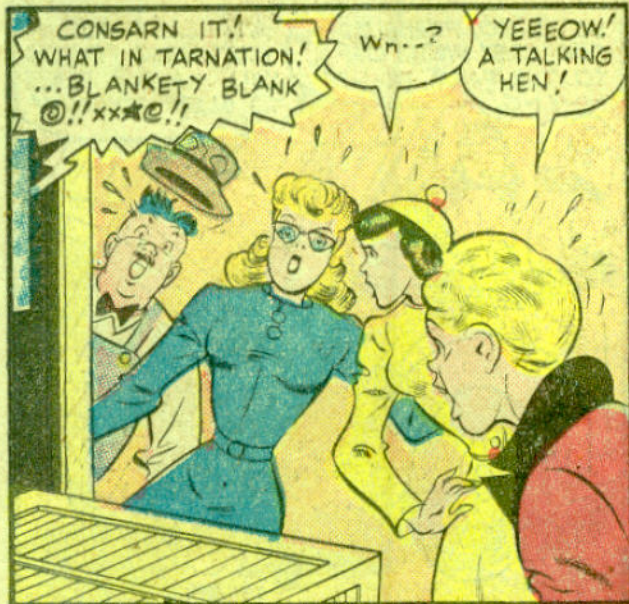
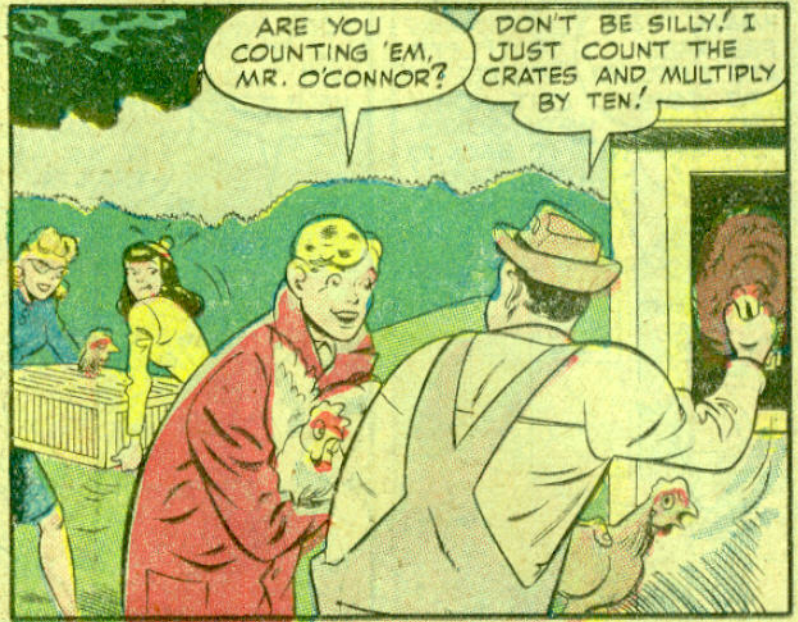
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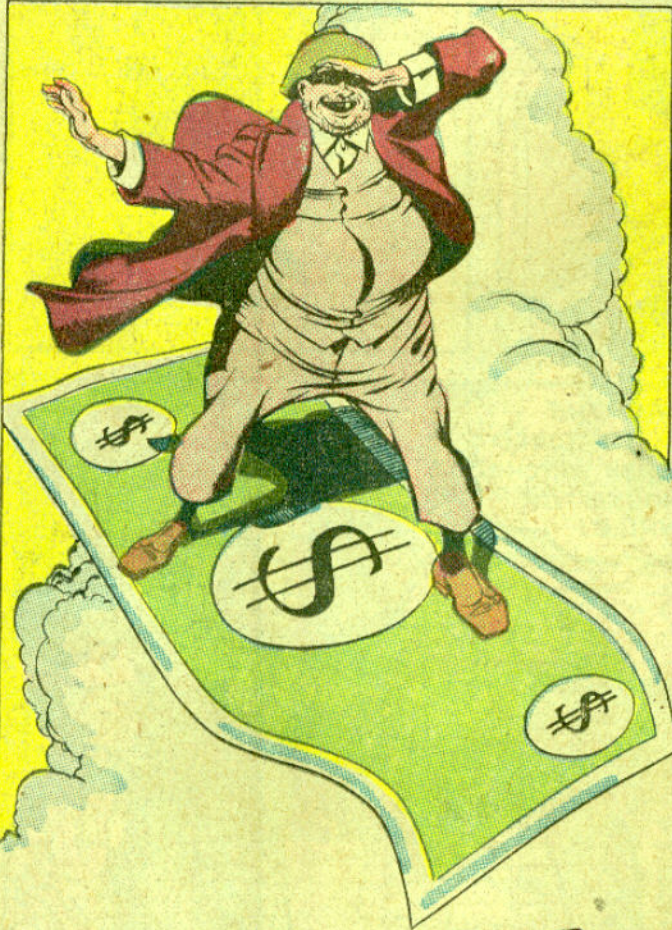
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When an honest dollar--BRRMPH--pardon us
--when a dollar was to be made, **BARNEY THE
BEARD** was never the one to shirk a flight
into fancy or a little "derring-do" to put
himself within reach of a bit of the green!



THE
SPIRIT

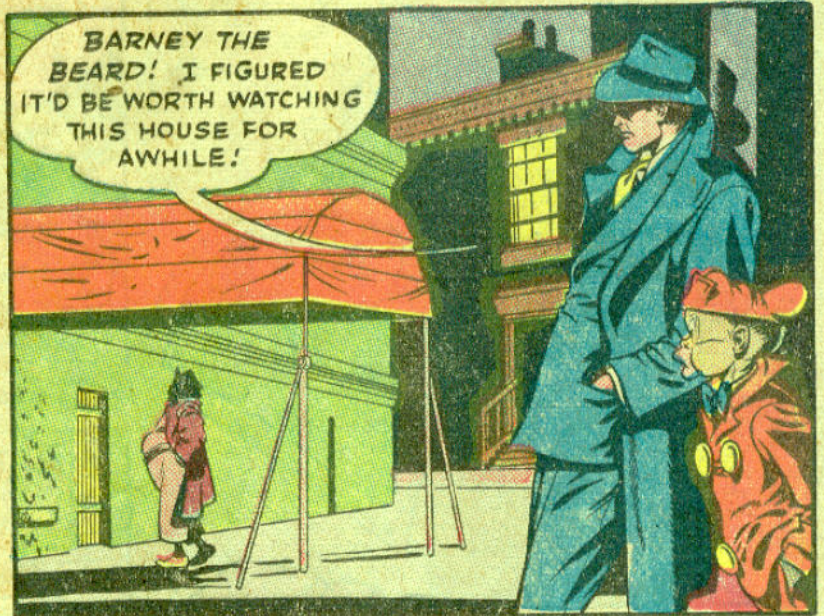
"DYING MILLIONAIRE PROMISES TO FORGIVE ALL IF
LOST SON WILL RETURN D.Z. SWACK WANTS
TO SEE SON WHO RAN AWAY
FROM HOME TWENTY-FIVE
YEARS AGO!"



THE CROOKS'LL
BE LOOKING FOR
ANGLES IN THIS
SETUP!



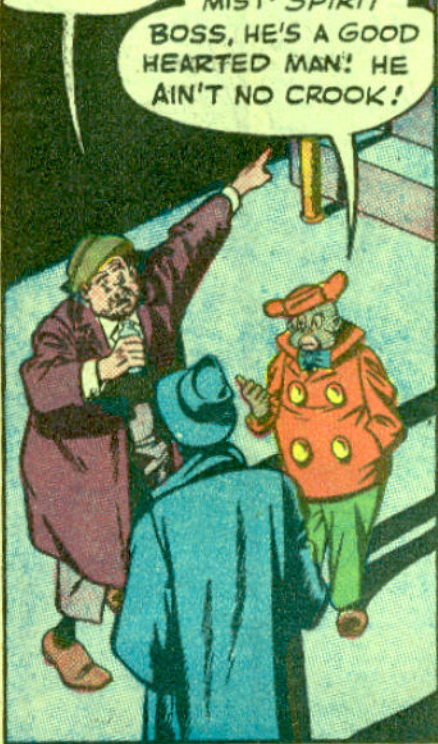
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IN THAT HOUSE A MAN LIES DYING! THIS MEDICINE MAY SAVE HIS LIFE! IT IS YOUR DUTY TO HUMANITY, SPIRIT, TO SEE THAT I GET THROUGH!

MIST' SPIRIT BOSS, HE'S A GOOD HEARTED MAN! HE AIN'T NO CROOK!



A CROOK? ... ME? WHY, I'VE BEEN GOING STRAIGHT FOR... FOR WEEKS!

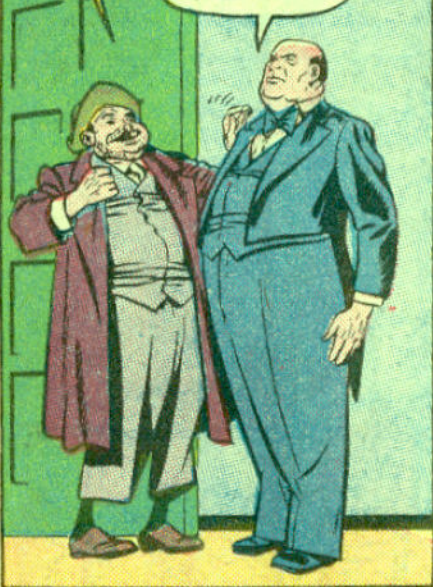


OH, WELL ... NO MAN WOULD WANT TO BELIEVE A GUY WITH BARNEY'S MAP COULD BE HIS SON ANYWAY!



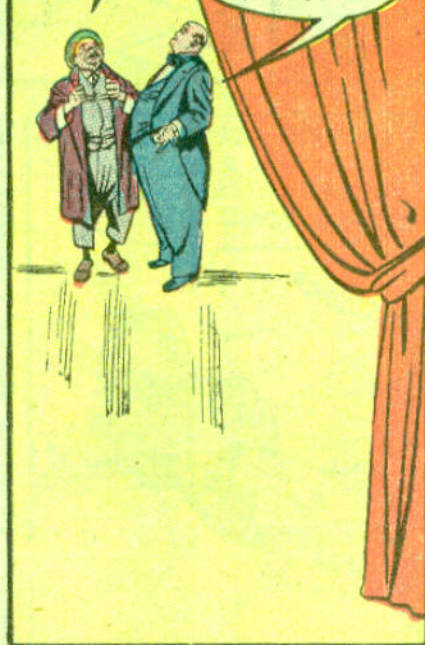
OUR OLD FAITHFUL BUTLER! SO YOU STUCK WITH THE FAMILY THROUGH THICK AND THIN! IT'S BEEN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU ... ER...

TOMKINS, SIR! I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR MR. SWACK THREE MONTHS!

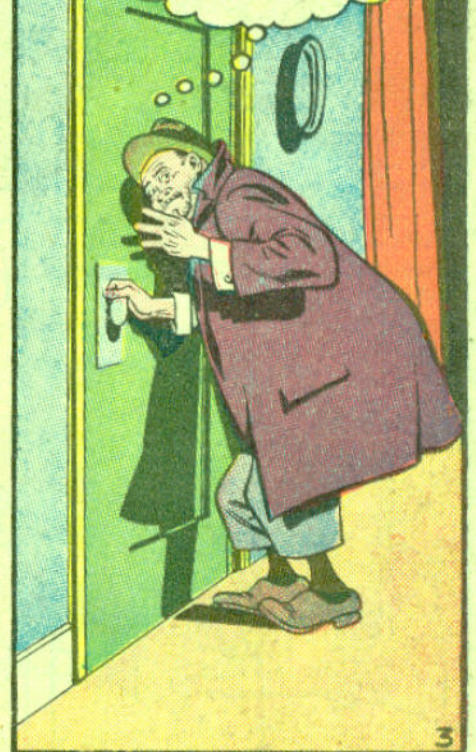


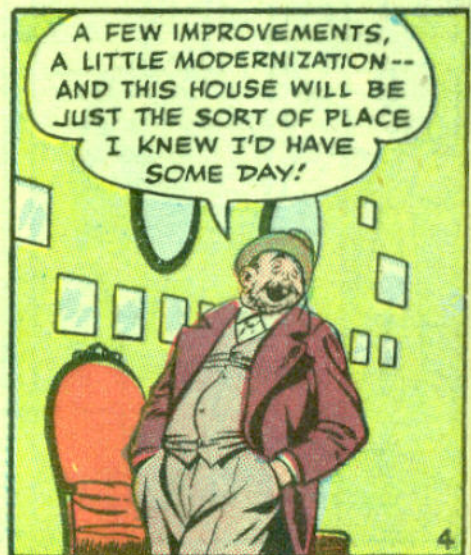
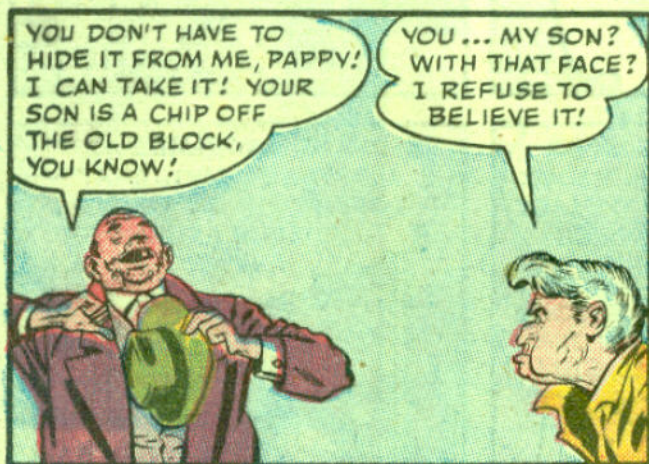
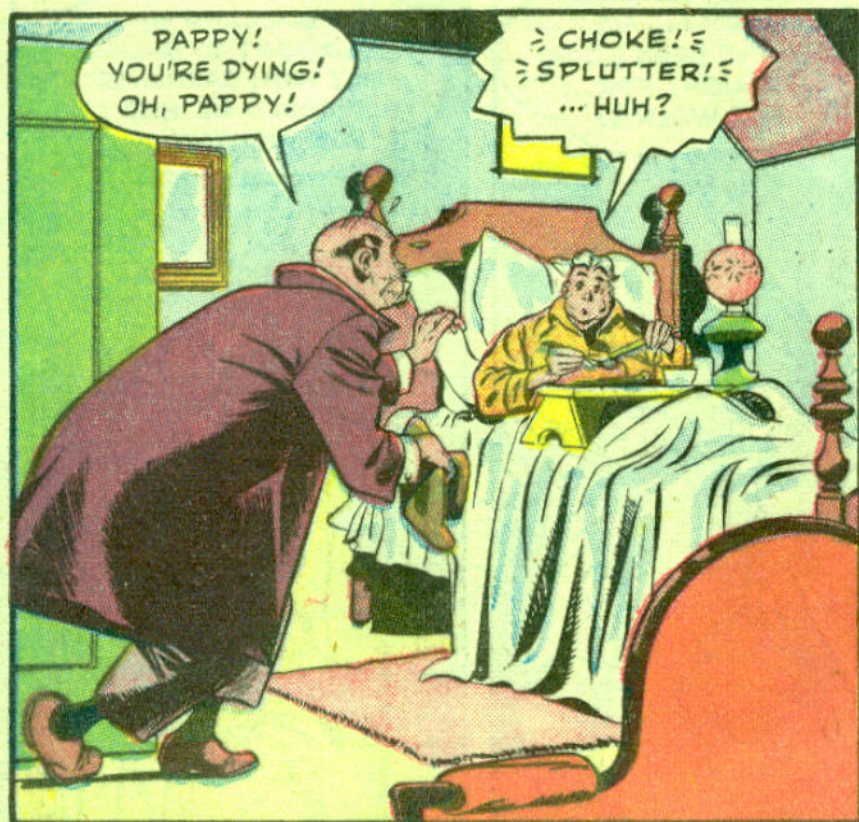
THREE MONTHS! THINK OF THAT! AND YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY OLDER THAN THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU! WHICH ONE IS MY OLD MAN'S BEDROOM?

THE SECOND DOWN THE HALL, SIR!



DID HE SAY THREE MONTHS? OW ... THAT DOESN'T TIE IN! OH, WELL ... BUTLERS ARE 'DOPES' ANYWAY!







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And as the *SPIRIT* and Ebony walk toward their mausoleum home...

SO I SUPPOSE YOU FORGOT RUSTY RINGEL, SWACK! MAYBE YOU DON'T REMEMBER HOW WE WERE RUNNING GUNS DOWN IN THE CARIBBEAN AND YOU RATTED TO THAT BANANA REPUBLIC'S COPPERS!

YOU'VE GOT ME WRONG, PAL! THAT WAS ANOTHER GUY!



NO, IT WASN'T, SWACK! I ALWAYS FIGURED YOU'D TURN UP AT YOUR RICH OLD MAN'S SOONER OR LATER... AND AFTER WAITING FOR TEN YEARS IN A HOT PRISON, I LEARNED A LOT OF PATIENCE!

BUT I'M NOT SWACK!



THAT BEARD DOESN'T FOOL ME! YOU'RE GETTING IT!

DON'T SHOOT! MY NAME'S BARNEY THE BEARD!



AND HE ISN'T KIDDING!

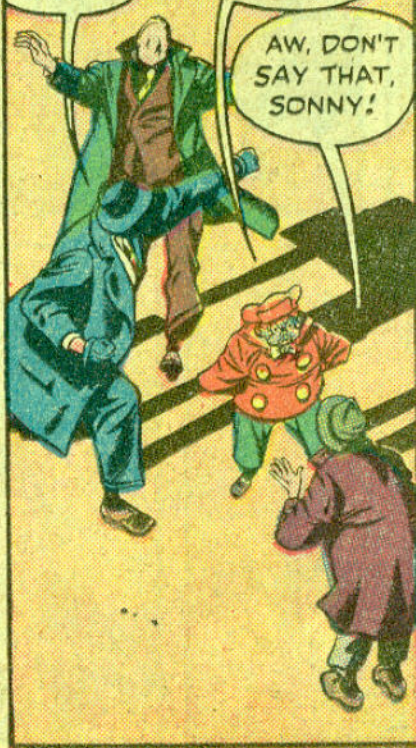
THE SPIRIT!



IMAGINE ME HAVING TO DO THIS FOR BARNEY THE BEARD!

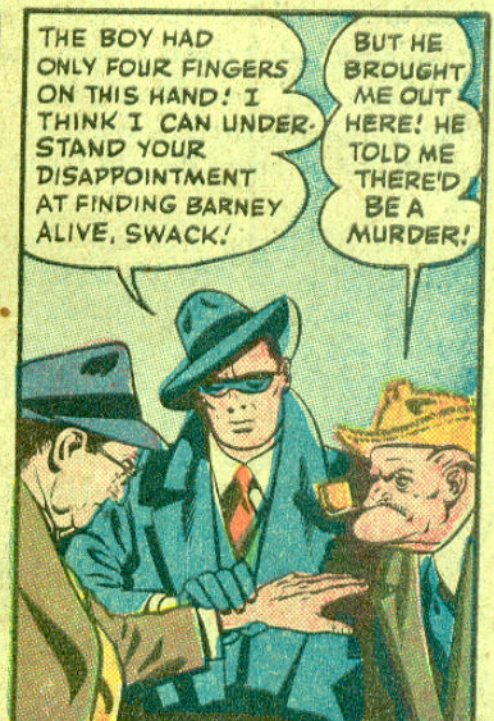
YO'S A CROOK, AFTER ALL! THE SPIRIT WAS RIGHT!

AW, DON'T SAY THAT, SONNY!



UH-OH! QUITE A CROWD OUT HERE TONIGHT!





The BALLOON Man

WOOZY and Plastic Man stood on a corner in Chinatown and looked about them. Woozy wasn't doing so much looking as dozing; whenever he didn't have something specific to take up his time, he dozed.

"Woozy," said Plastic Man, "did you ever go through an old opium den down here?"

"Naw, Plas. Why?"

"We're going through one right now. I want you to see it."

Woozy didn't display much interest.

"Come on," said Plastic Man, leading the way across the street. "We'll go to the Mandarin first. I know the old Chinese who runs it."

The Mandarin was an ornate place outside. Built in the style of old Chinese pagodas, it stood out even in Chinatown, where there were many such buildings.

Inside, an old, squat Chinese led them along a gloomy hall. At its end, they went down several steps and turned into another room, which was far under the street. It had no windows.

When Woozy's eyes became accustomed to the darkness, he could see, around all four walls, rows of bunks. Years ago, people would lie in these bunks, each with an opium pipe either in use, or resting on the little taboret that went with each bunk.

"Mos' of them would sleep," said the old Chinese guide. "Opium makeum sleep!" Coming out on the street again, the sunshine hurt Woozy's eyes after the several minutes of darkness down below. He blinked.

"One more," said Plastic Man; "and then we have work to do."

They 'did' another ancient opium den, much like the first one; in both, humanity had in the past lain in bunks, befuddled in mind and body.

"How did you like those places, Woozy?" asked Plastic Man as they headed for the rubber man's office high in a skyscraper.

"Terrible, Plas. I'm glad there's nothing like that these days."

Plastic Man nodded. "There are people still trying to get that stuff into the country. How would you like to help me halt the traffic in drugs?"

"Sure, Plas," he said. "But I guess it'll be pretty hard to stop something that's been going on for centuries."

"Right," replied Plastic Man. "But we can help to stop it. And that's our job . . . We're going down to the Border and see if we can trap some of the men who fly the stuff in from Mexico. Be a nice trip."

The Border was far different from Woozy's idea of it. Of course, he had never seen it. He had never been in Texas before. All he could see was a vast stretch of sand and cactus and glaring sunshine.

"This is where we start, Woozy," said the rubber man.

"I don't like this," said Woozy shaking his head morosely. "I don't like no part of it, Plas."

When he met the Texas Rangers, Woozy was even more convinced of his dislike. They were a hard lot, those Rangers, with big guns and big horses and big hats.

"It's a dangerous job," said the captain of the Rangers. "You're liable to get shot. And there is nothing much we can do to help."

Woozy felt a cold hand clutch his spine. Shot! Of course Plastic Man didn't worry about being shot. Nothing hurt him. Oh—maybe fire, or something; but then Plas was good at keeping out of such trouble.

"We're going to take a horseback ride along a stretch of the border, Woozy," Plas told his little friend. "Here are the horses. Get on."

Woozy had never ridden a horse. He watched Plas get astride, and followed suit. But he quaked with fear. These creatures looked hungry. What was to stop this great beast from—

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"Let's go!" called Plastic Man, rowling his horse with the spurs and breaking away with a great leap. Woozy's horse almost shot from under him, so fast did he take off. He just managed to cling fast.

Plastic Man reined up in a clump of mesquite. He pointed to a tiny speck in the coppery sky.

"A plane," he said. "It will land nearby and men, hiding right now, will run out and take the packets of dope it's carrying."

Woozy grunted. "What're we supposed to do?"

"We'll sneak into their camp and crack down on 'em," said Plastic Man pleasantly, as if doing such a thing was an every-day occurrence.

They got off their horses and Plastic Man showed Woozy how to ground-hitch his mount by letting the reins fall free. Western horses are trained to stand thus.

The plane grew larger, circled over a spot twice and then came swooping down for a landing. It roared a couple of times, then the engine was cut off.

"Now," said Plastic Man. "Come on. Don't make any noise; we must surprise them." He began crawling away through the cactus and greasewood.

Woozy thought of rattlesnakes. He had seen one once in the zoo. He hoped one didn't materialize now. He crawled behind Plastic Man for what seemed like miles. Then he suddenly heard voices. He looked up.

They were at the edge of the outlaws' camp. A half dozen men squatted around a small fire. The pilot was there, too. They all talked and laughed.

Plastic Man nudged his companion. "They haven't unloaded the stuff yet. Come on, we'll search the plane."

Away they crawled again, at an angle this time, toward the small plane. When they reached it, Plastic Man stood up and stepped inside the cockpit. Woozy hurried after him.

Plastic Man jotted down the pilot's and co-pilot's name and number from the licenses framed over the control panel; took down the number of the ship. Then he cocked his head.

"Hurry, Woozy!" he warned. "Scramble into the tail of the ship. Someone's coming!"

Woozy made tracks, far back into the gloomy tail of the plane. Plastic Man crept after him. A man's voice sounded:

"The heck with these guys! I won't sell the stuff for that kind of a price . . . let's get out of here, Butch!"

Butch grumbled. "The dirty rats! They promised, too. Why, this load is worth ten thousand if it's worth a dime! . . . Yeah, we'll take it up north—peddle it to Noonan; he'll pay our price."

The plane's engine burst into a roar, and soon Woozy felt himself bouncing along, then with a swish the plane lifted.

Now they were in for it! Trapped in this ship, what could they do?

Butch came aft a half hour later and found them hiding.

"What the—?" he grunted. "Hey, Bates, they's a couple of stowaways back here! . . . Come out, you two. This gat ain't kiddin'!"

Plastic Man and Woozy crawled from their places and sat on the floor looking into the dark muzzle of an automatic. Butch meant business.

"Shall I let 'em have it, Bates?" he called.

"Dump 'em out, Butch! . . . We're at ten thousand. No need to waste a bullet."

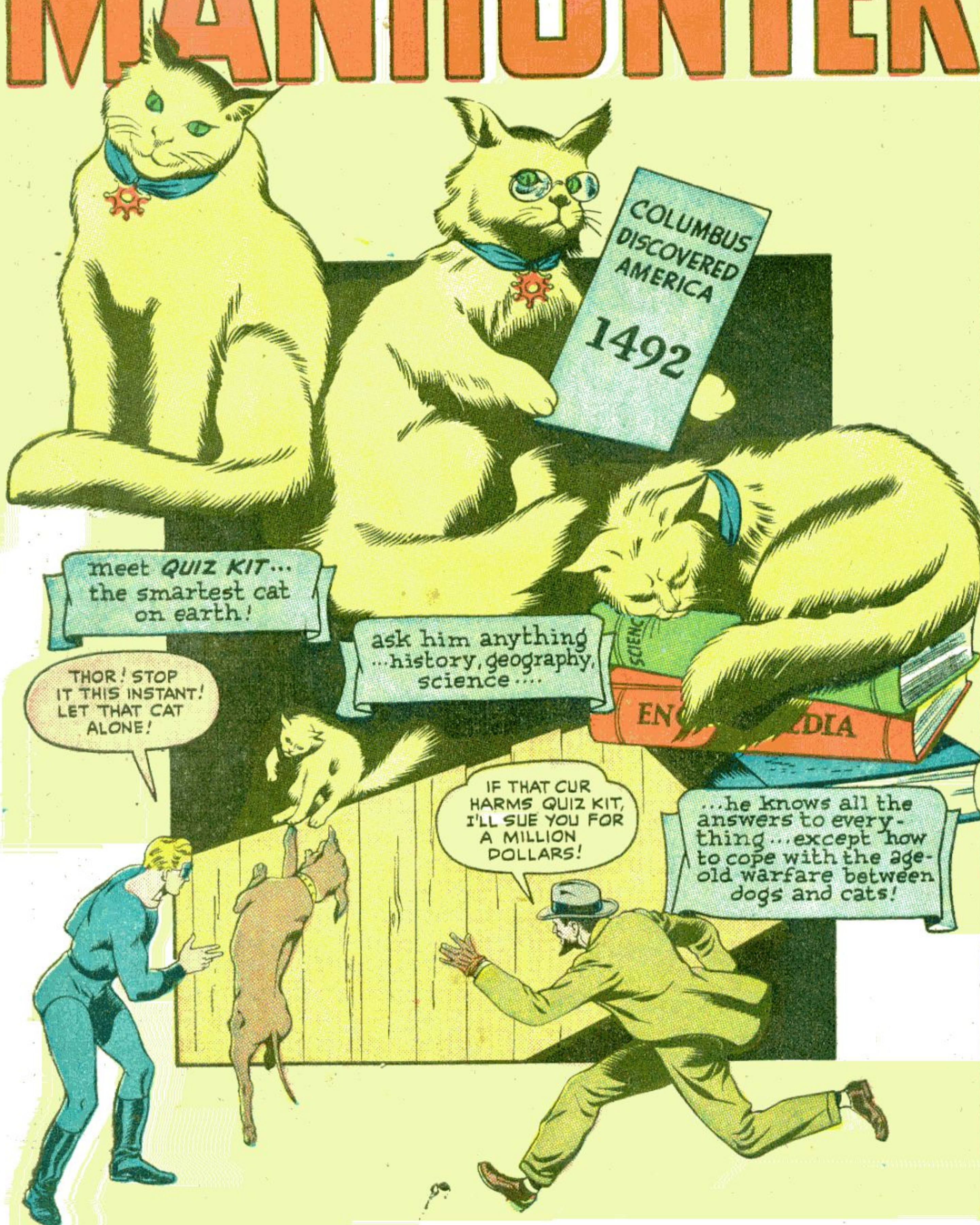
Butch turned a lever in the side of the plane and a square door swung open. "Out you go!" he ordered, waving the pistol. Woozy cried out. Plastic Man was grinning to himself. "Go on! Jump, Woozy!"

He gave the little man a shove and Woozy fell, turning and twisting. Plastic Man tumbled after him. When he had fallen five hundred feet, he blew himself up to an enormous size—like a great balloon. He grabbed Woozy in mid-air and told him to hang on to his leg.

The huge balloon settled slowly to the ground. Once again on terra firma, Plastic Man chuckled. "You forgot that I'm rubber, Woozy," he said. "And look." He pointed to a small plane coming down in a long spiral. "I opened their gas tank. Also there comes the Rangers. This is a swell pinch, Woozy. We got 'em with the goods!"

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MANHUNTER



meet **QUIZ KIT**...
the smartest cat
on earth!

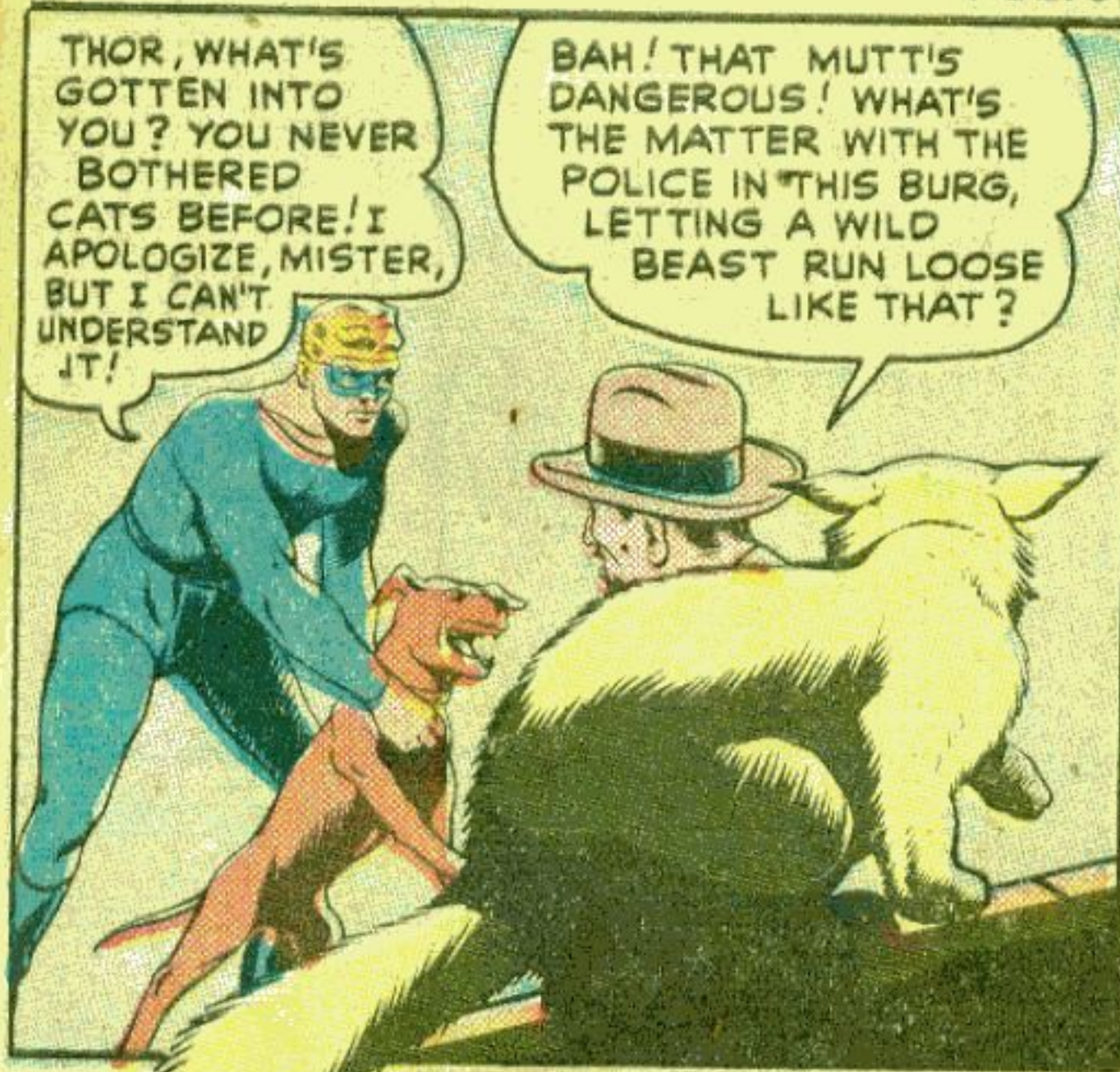
THOR! STOP
IT THIS INSTANT!
LET THAT CAT
ALONE!

ask him anything
...history, geography,
science....

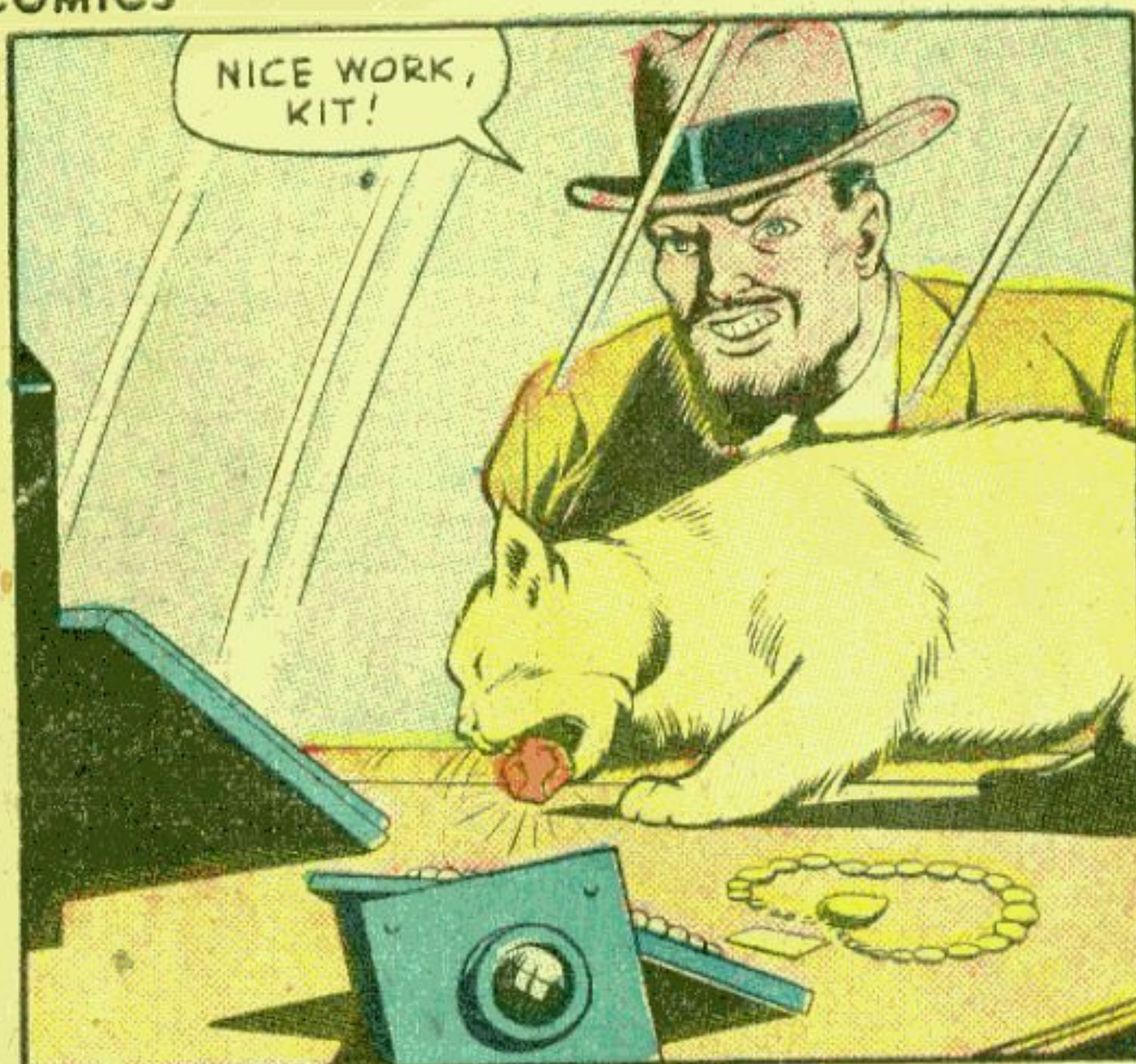
IF THAT CUR
HARMS QUIZ KIT,
I'LL SUE YOU FOR
A MILLION
DOLLARS!

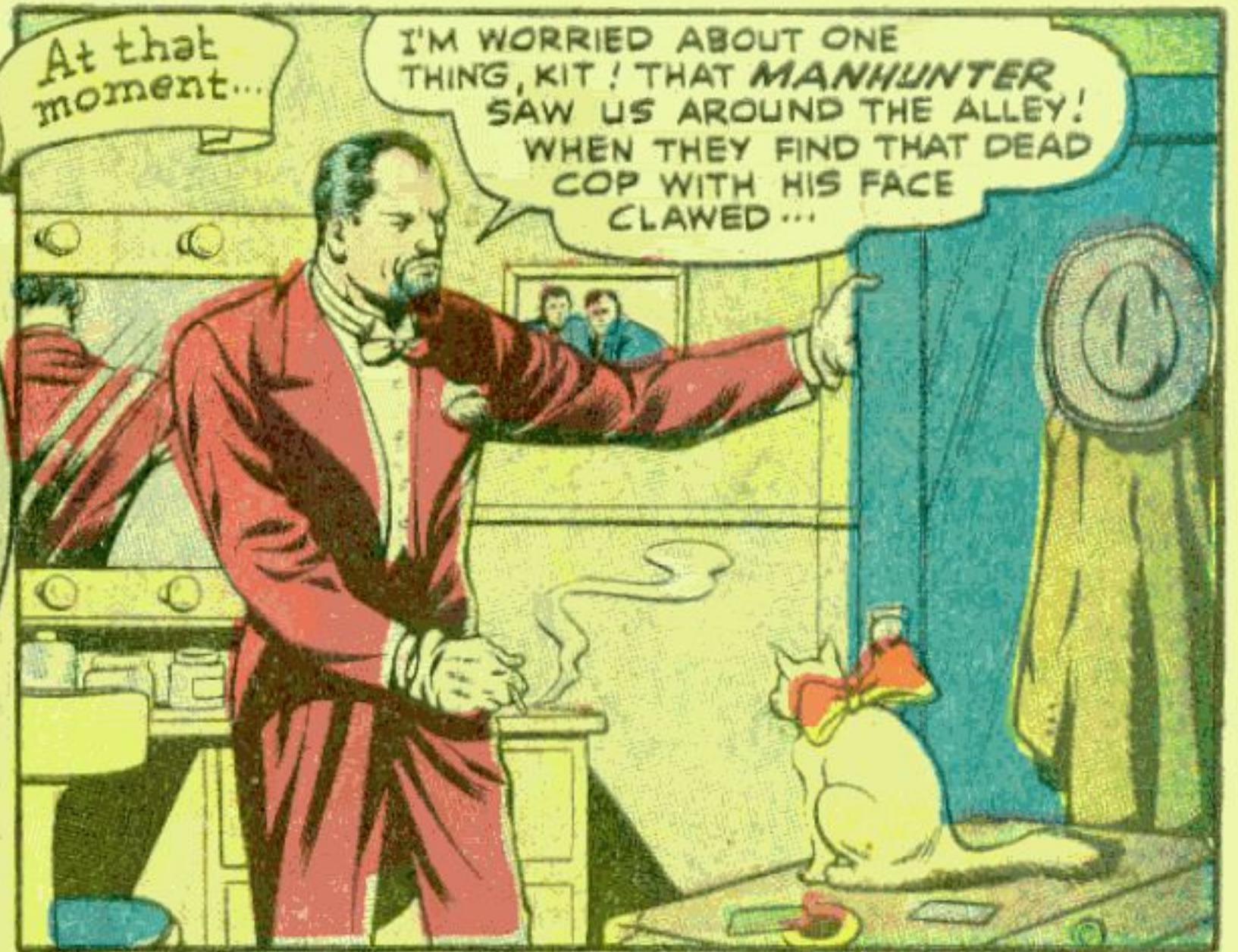
...he knows all the
answers to every-
thing...except how
to cope with the age-
old warfare between
dogs and cats!

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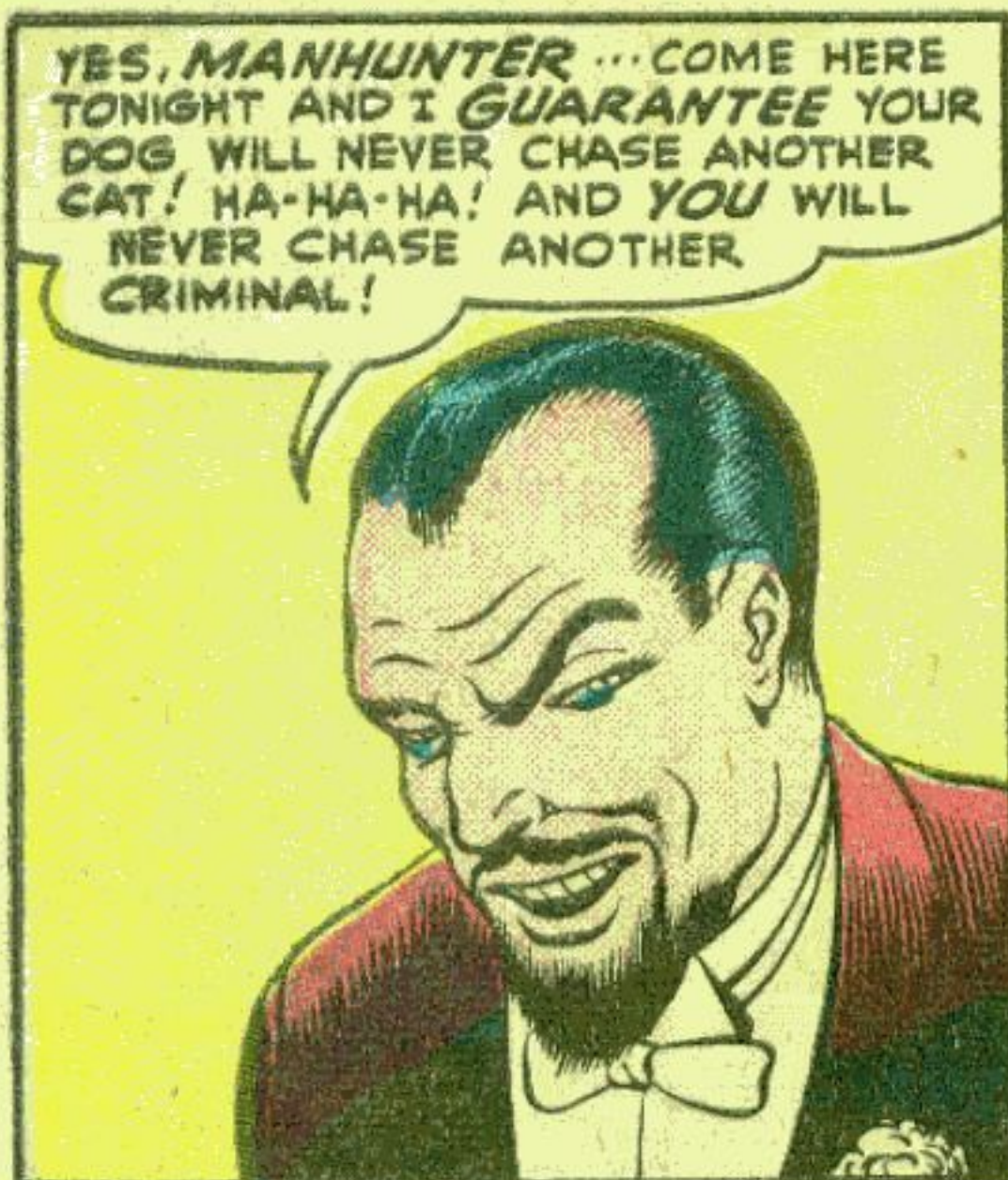
HELLO, EMPIRE THEATRE?
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO
THAT MR. DIABLO... THE
MAN WHO TRAINS
QUIZ KIT!



YES... WHO?
MANHUNTER?
YOU WANT ME TO
TRAIN YOUR DOG?
GULP! WHY... UH...
SURE! BRING HIM
OVER AFTER MY
LAST SHOW!



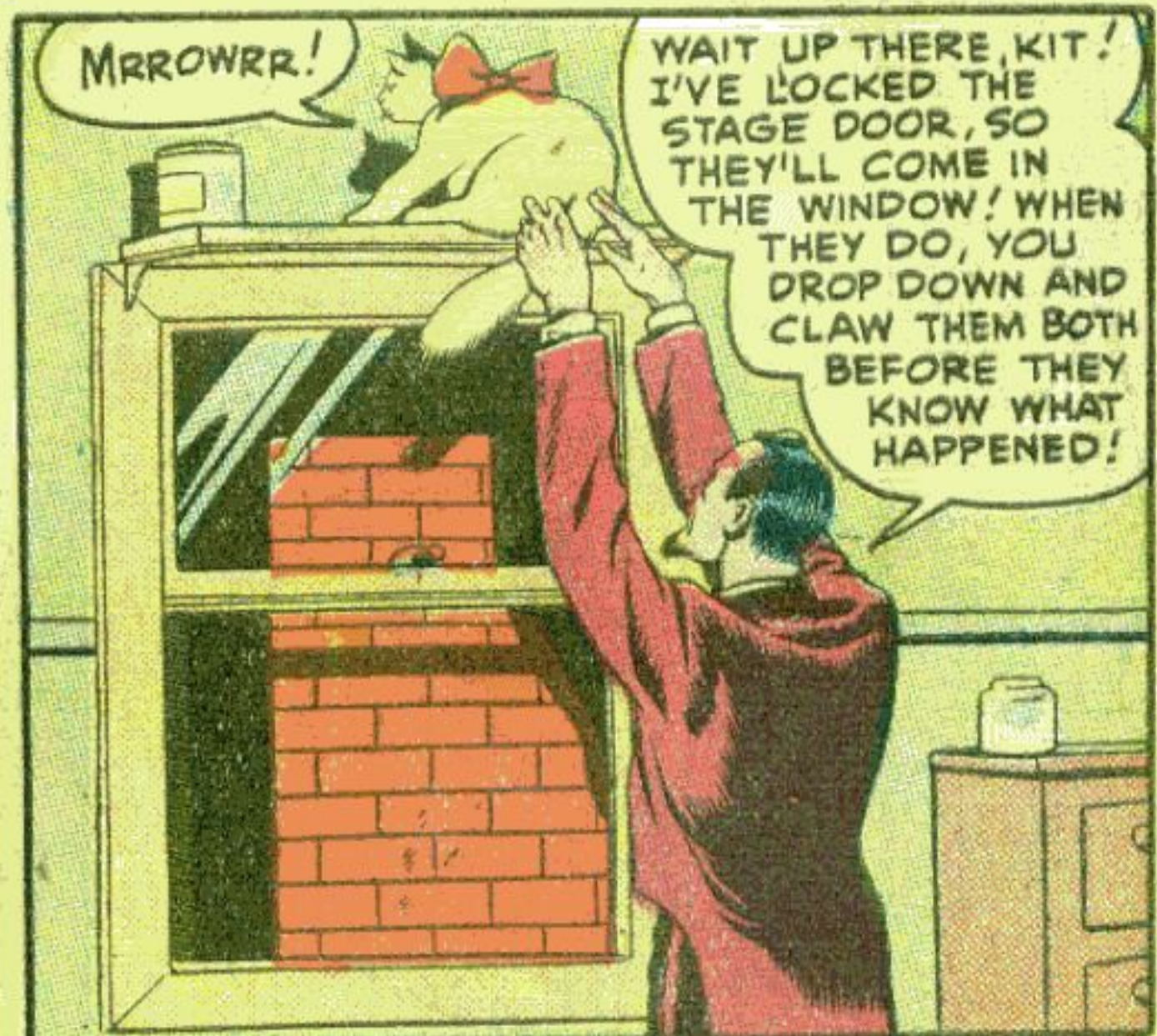
TALK ABOUT LUCK, KIT!
THEY'RE COMING HERE
TONIGHT! WE'LL BE
READY FOR THEM,
WON'T WE?



YES, **MANHUNTER**... COME HERE
TONIGHT AND I **GUARANTEE** YOUR
DOG WILL NEVER CHASE ANOTHER
CAT! HA-HA-HA! AND YOU WILL
NEVER CHASE ANOTHER
CRIMINAL!



After
Diablo's
last
show...



MRROWRR!

WAIT UP THERE, KIT!
I'VE LOCKED THE
STAGE DOOR, SO
THEY'LL COME IN
THE WINDOW! WHEN
THEY DO, YOU
DROP DOWN AND
CLAW THEM BOTH
BEFORE THEY
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED!



TRY TO CONTROL YOURSELF
TONIGHT, THOR! MR.
DIABLO IS GOOD
ENOUGH TO HELP YOU!
SHOW YOUR
APPRECIATION
BY IGNORING
THE CAT!

ARRGHHH!

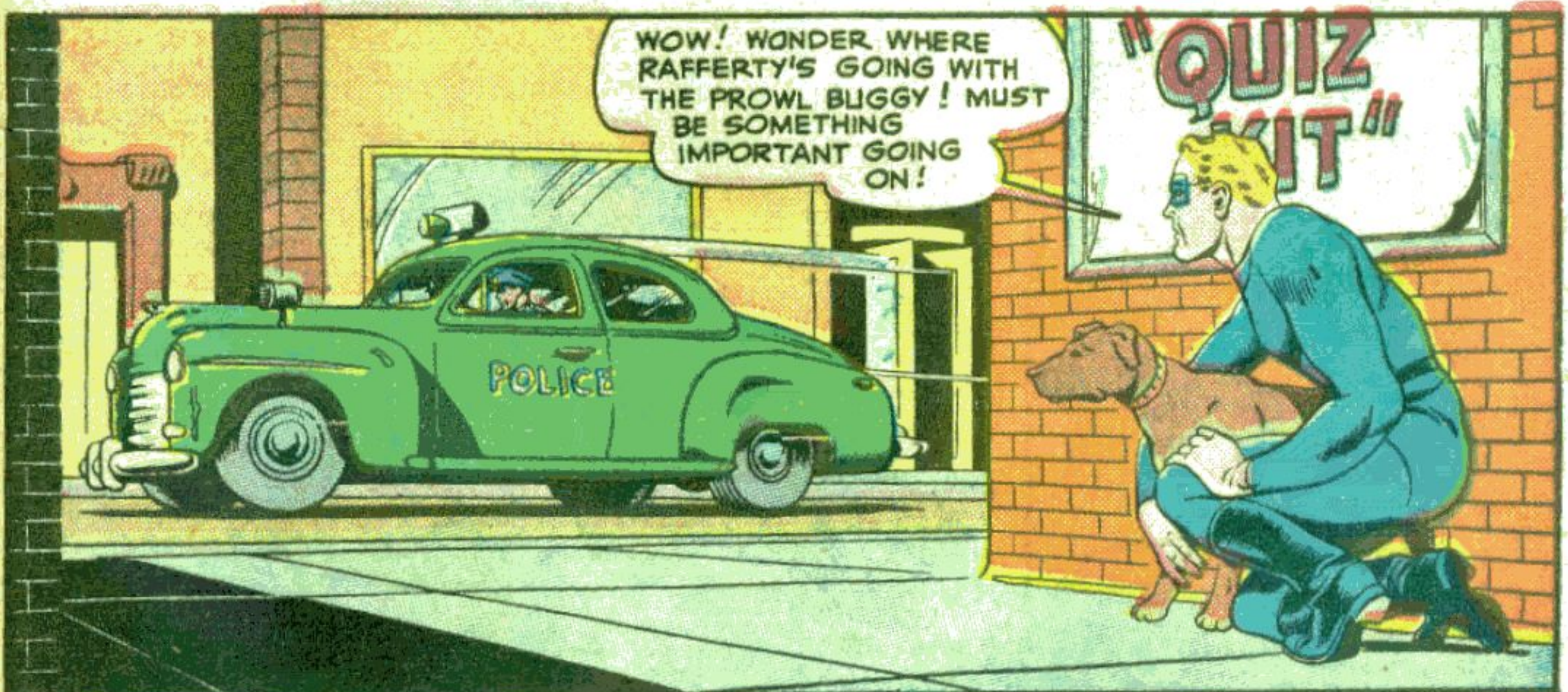
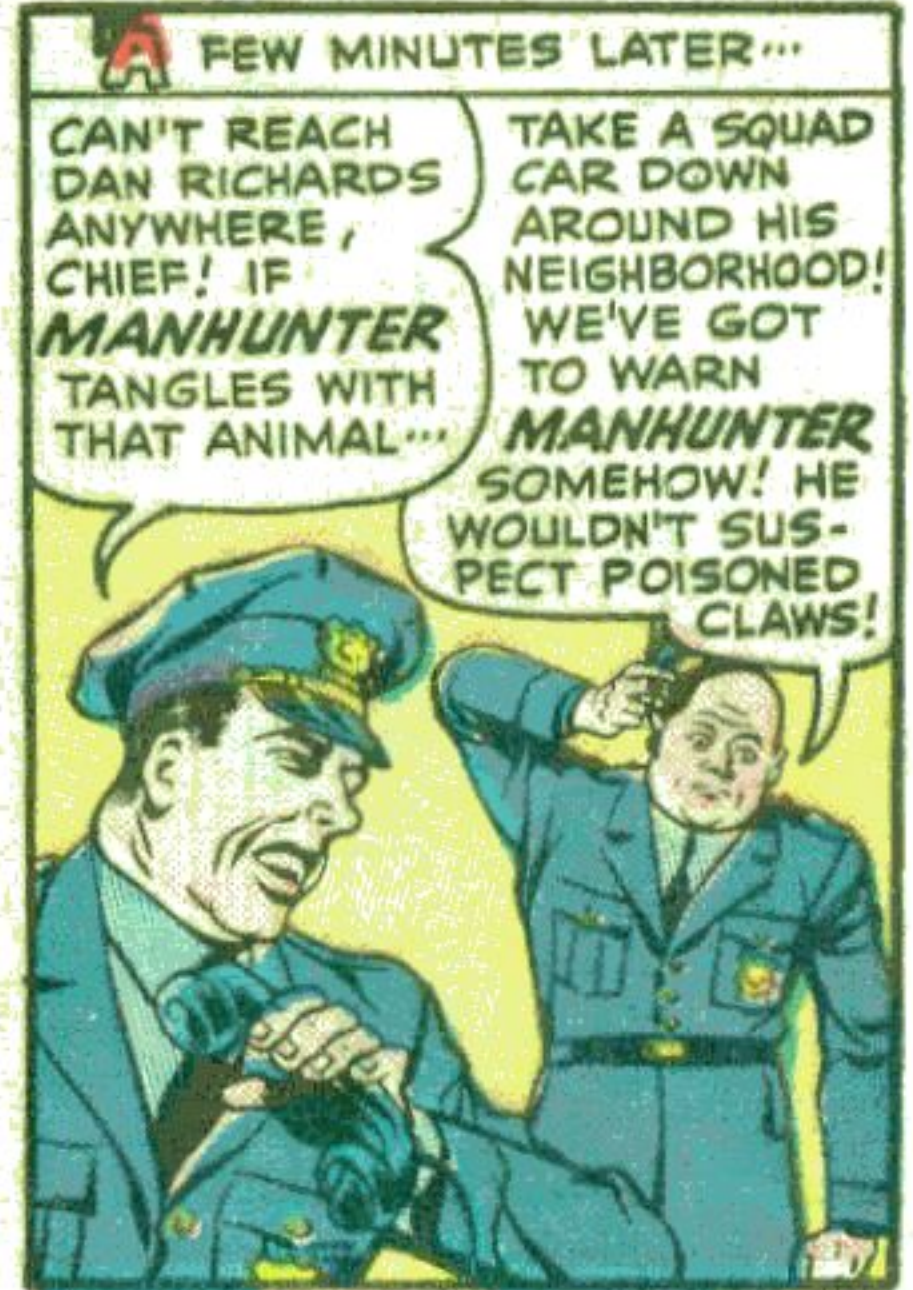
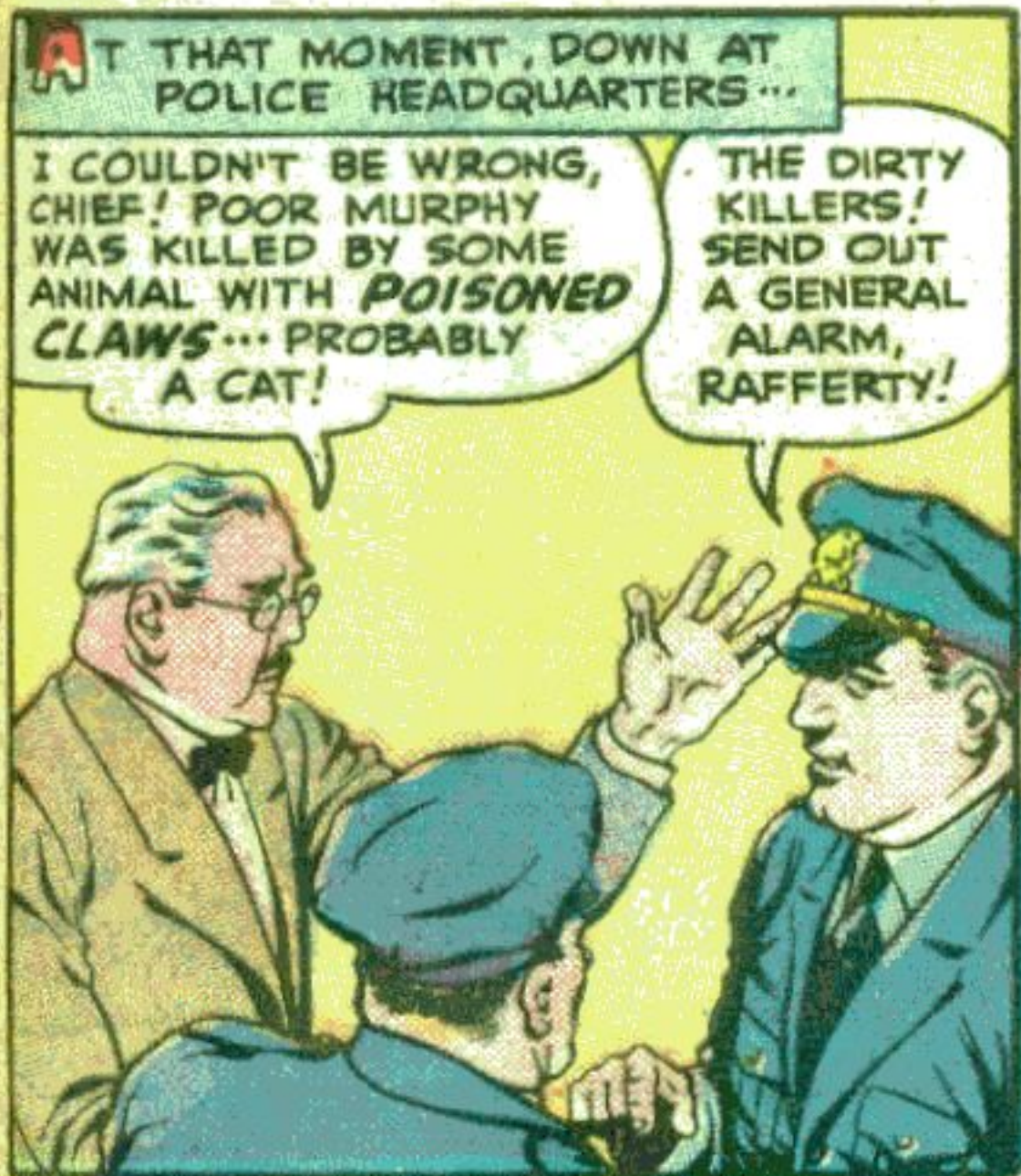


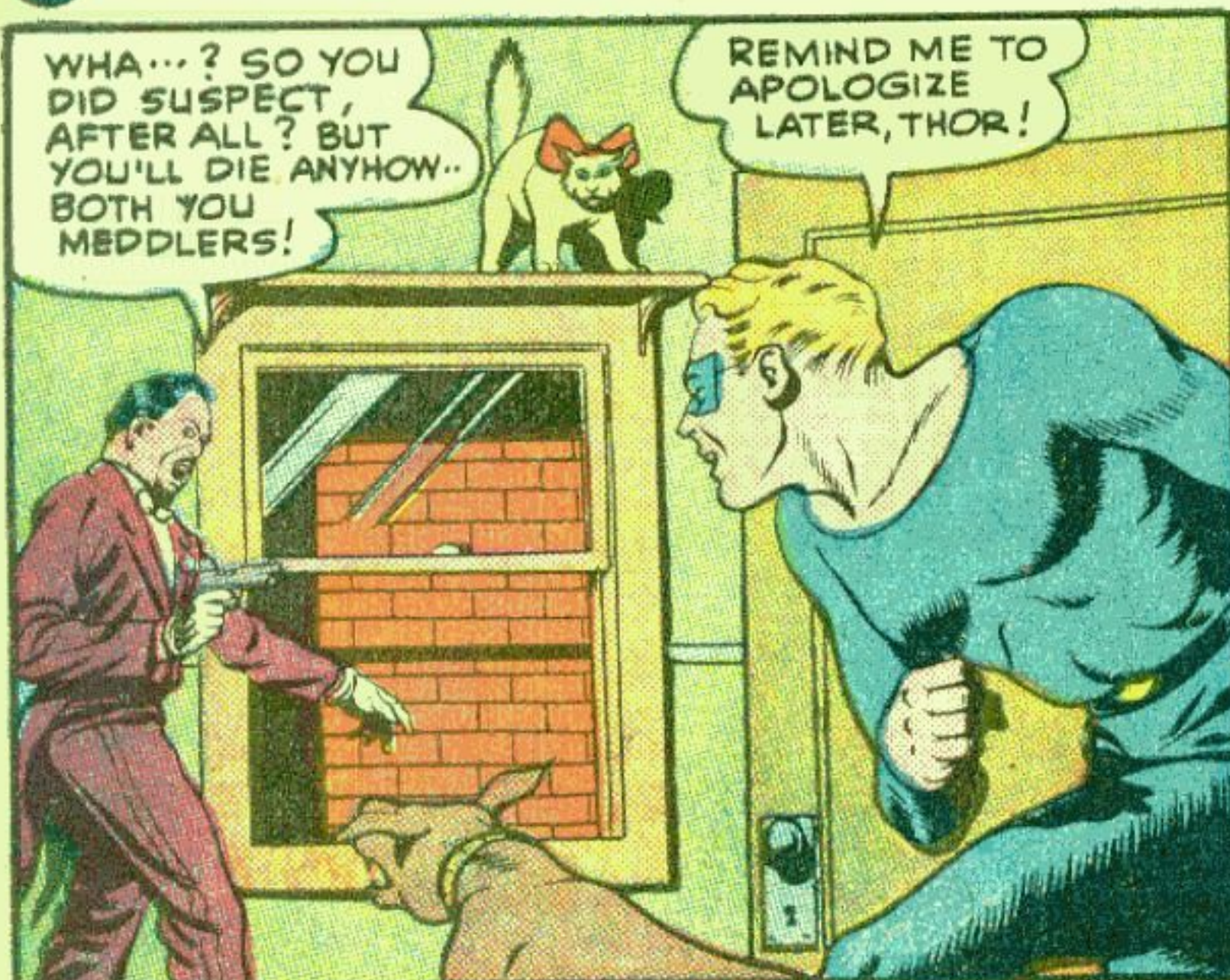
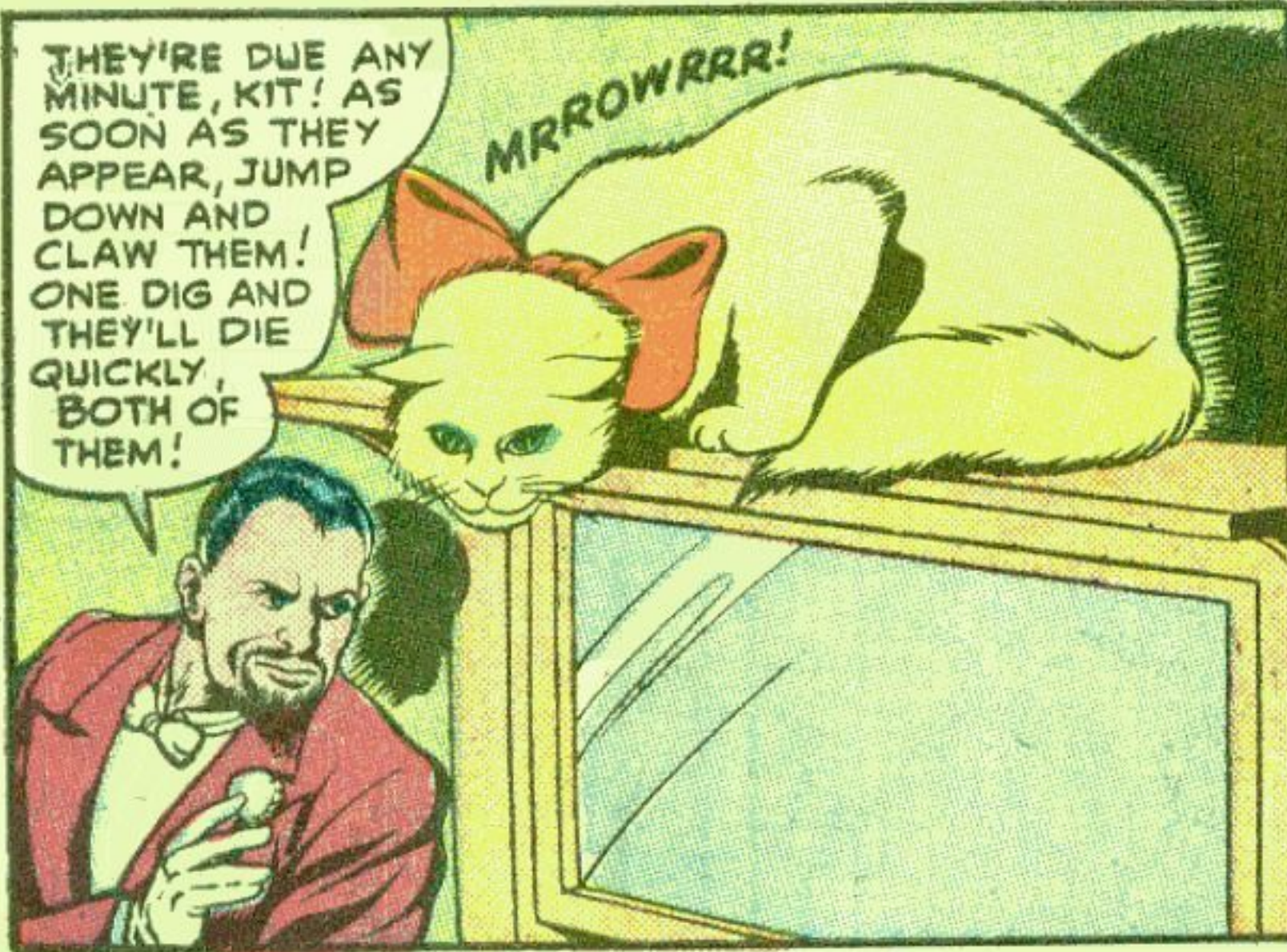
THE THEATRE'S CLOSED BUT
HE'LL BE WAITING IN HIS
DRESSING ROOM! WE'LL
GO AROUND AND IN
THE WINDOW, THOR!

QUIZ KIT THE
SMARTEST CAT ON EARTH

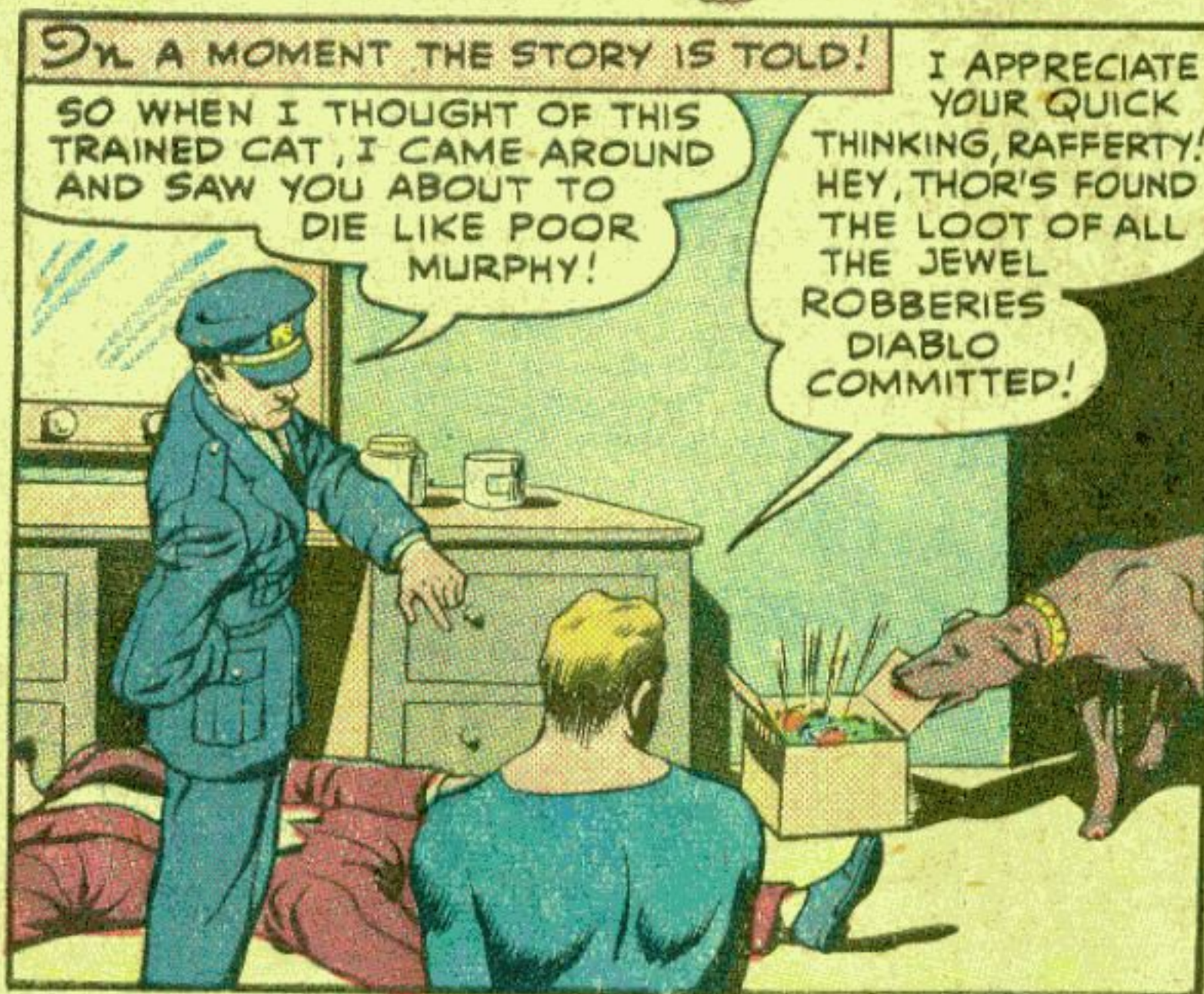
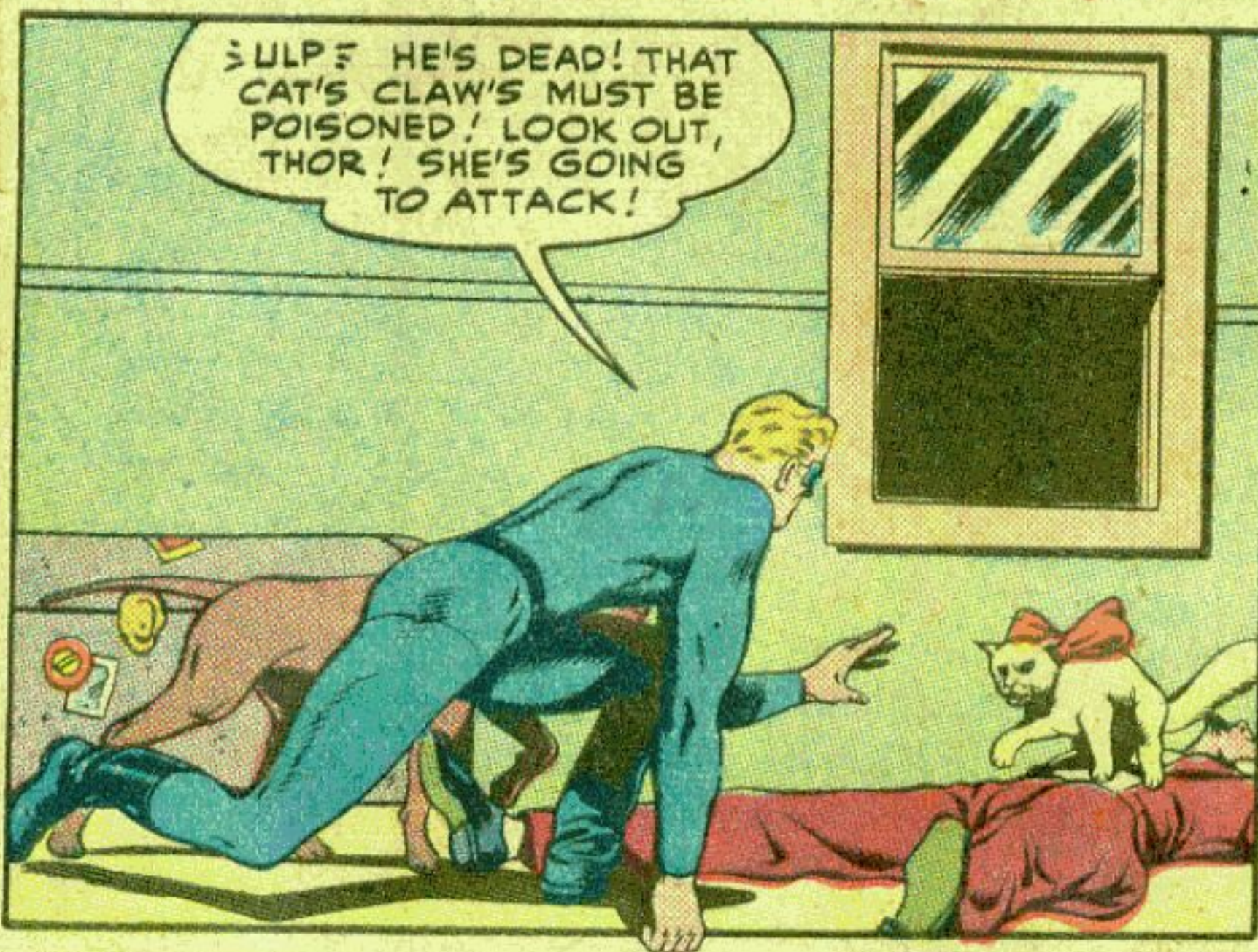
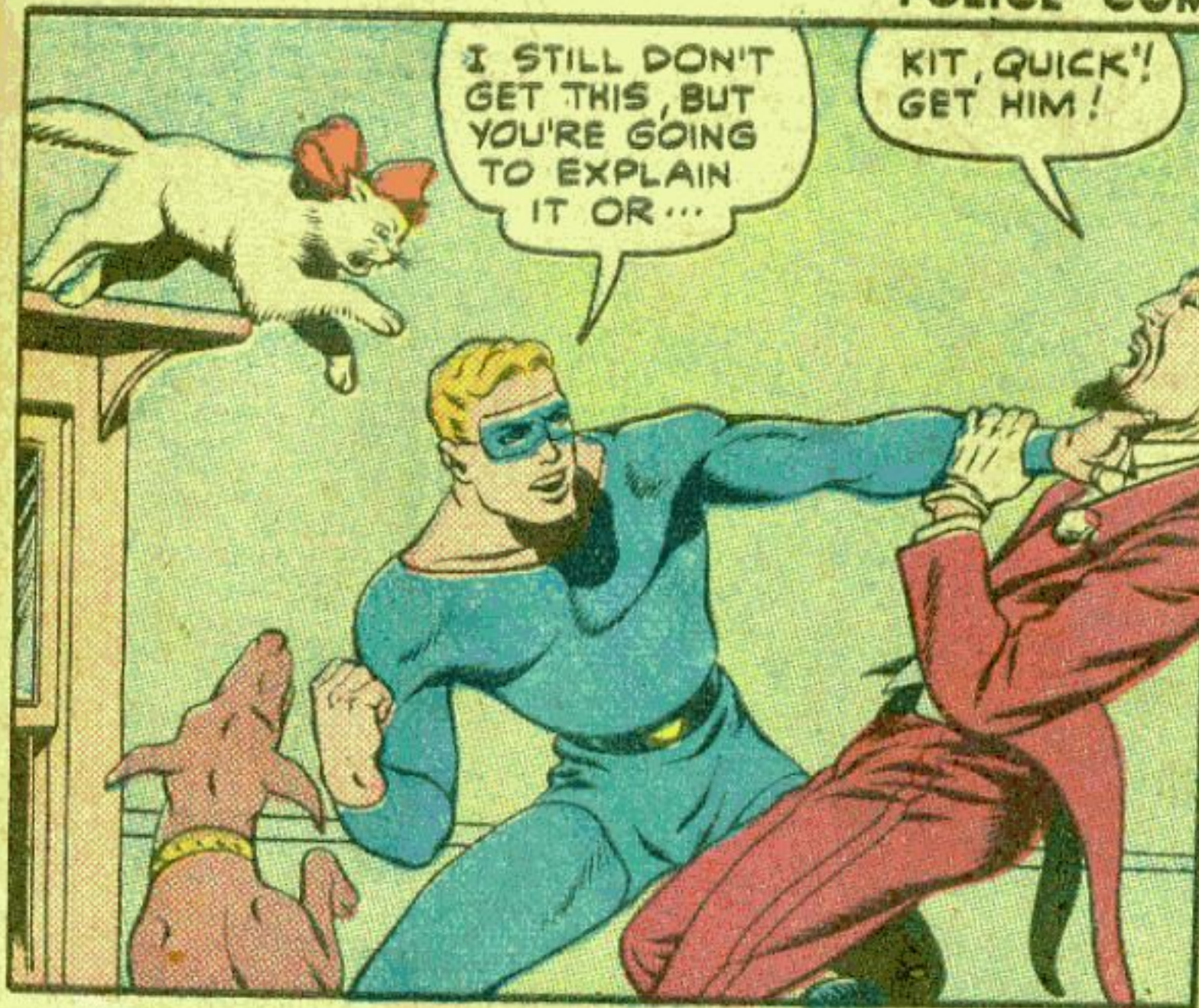
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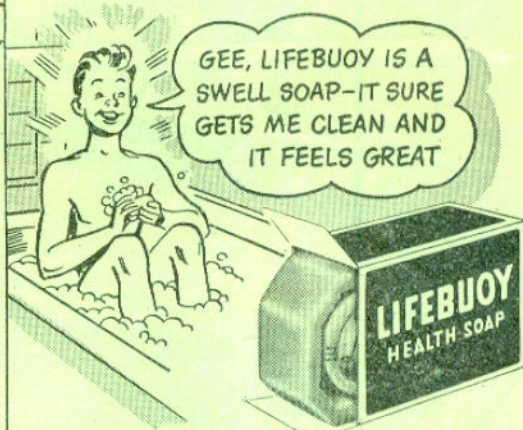


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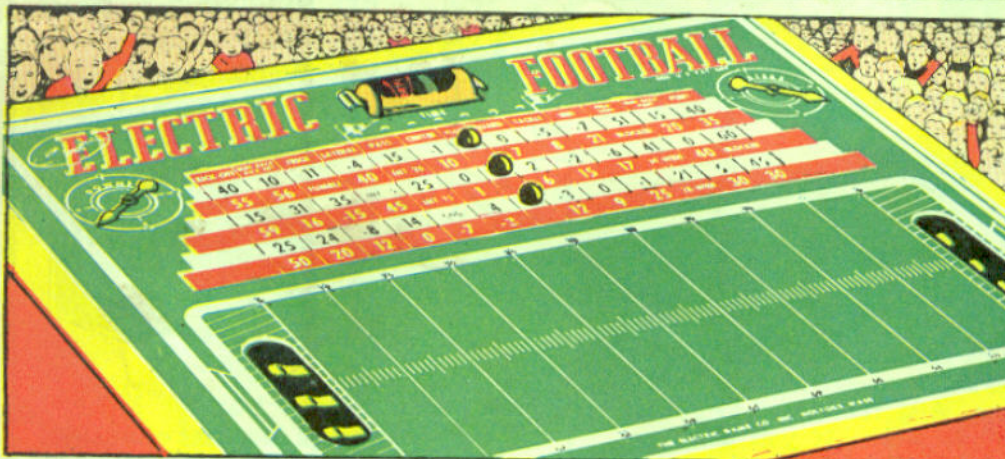
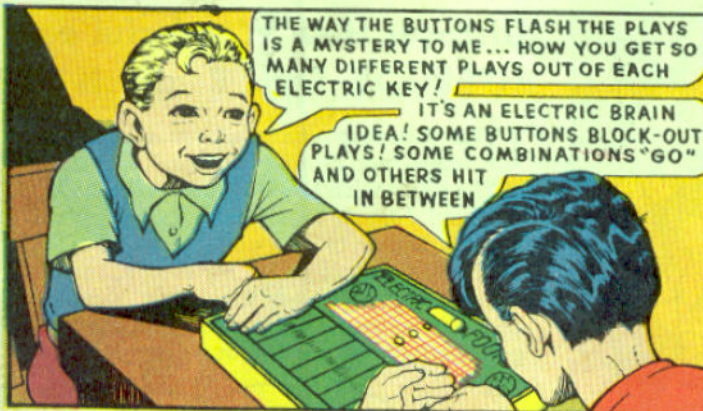
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WE'VE GOT TO STOP
PLAYING FOOTBALL!

OH NO WE DON'T!
C'MON FELLERS
FOLLOW
ME!

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